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One night with the Queen

Aretha Franklin treats Hamilton community to an unforgettable night of music

PHOTO BY LAUREN MOON '09

Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," performed to a packed field house on Saturday April 5. Franklin sang such hits as "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "One Night with the King," and of course "Respect."

by Eloise Walter '11
News Writer

The area in front of the Alumni Gym saw lots of activity last Saturday afternoon as members of the Hamilton community, friends, family, and area residents lined up to see Aretha Franklin perform. Although the line officially started at 4 p.m., groups of students had collected on the steps of Emerson Lobby by 3:30 p.m. By the time Hamilton Community members were allowed to enter at 5 p.m., the line reached almost as far as the Christian Johnson building. While waiting, people entertained themselves with board games, books, and cards while enjoying the wonderful weather. A group of students also had a small grill set up on the lawn and were cooking burgers and hotdogs.

The early birds of the group procured amazing seats, as the front few rows quickly filled with people who had been waiting since 4p.m. or longer. At 6:30 p.m, people who were not members of the Hamilton Community were seated. At 7:30 p.m. President Joan Hinde Stewart gave a short introduction, as she listed some of Franklin's many accomplishments and guaranteed an amazing show.

Despite the almost four hour wait for some members of the audience, Aretha Franklin was greeted with a standing ovation as she came on stage a few minutes after 7:30 p.m. She jumped right into the music. The audience sang along to "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "Until You Come Back to Me (That's What I'm Gonna Do)" written by Stevie Wonder, and "Think," the song featured in The Blues Brothers.

As soon as the opening to "Respect" came on, practically everyone in the audience was on their feet. The area left of the front of the stage became inundated with people dancing and singing. Members of Campus Safety attempted to keep this group contained and made them sit down once "Respect" was over. However, once Franklin began singing "Chain of Fools," the entire audience was dancing and singing along again.

The mood settled some when Franklin sang "Bridge Over Troubled Water," accompanying herself on the piano. She then

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President Stewart declares sabbatical

By Scott Bixby '11
Insights & Ideas Editor

In an all-campus e-mail sent out the week before Spring Break, President Joan Hinde Stewart announced that she would be taking a semester-long sabbatical in the spring of 2009. Dean of Faculty Joe Urgo will fill the vacancy of the Office of the President as President Stewart takes a leave of absence to revisit a longstanding academic project on the French Enlightenment. It will be President Stewart's first major departure from the campus since her arrival five years ago.

President Stewart's sabbatical comes at the end of one of the most ambitious capital campaigns in the College's history. "Excelsior: The Campaign for Hamilton" raised over $175 million in a three-year span, reaching its fundraising goal six months early and exceeding the financial target set by President Stewart and recently elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jeff Little '71 in 2004.

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Eight false fire alarms Sunday

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

This past weekend eight maliciously triggered fire alarms drove students out of their dorms and brought the Clinton Fire Department racing to the Hill. The string of disturbances climaxed on Sunday, as six alarms were activated between the hours of 1:00 and 1:15 a.m.

In a letter to the Hamilton community, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson wrote, "Pulling a false alarm can have serious consequences. Intentionally activated false alarms lead people to assume that any alarm is false, which slows the evacuation response and endangers the

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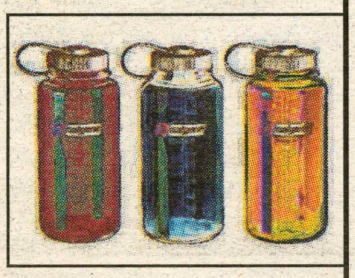

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Bicentennial class officially accepted

by Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

In 1812 when Alexander Hamilton invested in a small, all-male academy on a hill in New York State, college rankings in the U.S. News and World Report were non-existent. Little did Hamilton know, his college would become one of the top-ranked liberal arts schools in the Nation. With an applicant pool larger and more impressive each year, Hamilton's acceptance rate for the Class of 2012 reached an all-time low of 27 percent.

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Monica Inzer attributes the growing demand for

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Tenure granted to Ellingson, Videras

by Eloise Walter '11
News Writer

The Hamilton Board of Trustees granted tenure to Professor of Sociology Stephen Ellingson and Professor of Economics Julio Videras. Both professors already reflect fondly upon their teaching experiences on the Hill, and look forward to a fulfilling future at Hamilton College.

Before teaching at Hamilton, Professor Videras received his doctorate degree in economics at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and served as a visiting instructor at the Universidad de Jaén in Spain.

At Hamilton, Professor Videras teaches four economics classes, which include Environmental Economics and a 400-level class on sustainability and environmental justice. During his time here, Videras and Associate Professor of Economics Ann Owen published "Culture and Public Goods: The Case of Religion and the Voluntary Provision of Environmental Quality" in The Journal of Environmental Economics and Management. Videras has also been published in Ecological Economics, Contributions to Economic Analysis & Policy, and the Review of Social Economy.

Next semester, Videras will teach a new course on Social Economics, and hopes to develop new classes and modify current ones to overlap with his research interests. Videras said that he "makes a point of avoiding pedagogical routine" and hopes to reach out to students who are not considering a major or minor in economics. He said that an "understanding of formal economic institutions and the economic behavior of individuals is an important part of being an engaged and responsible citizen" Videras looks forward to achieving these goals at Hamilton.

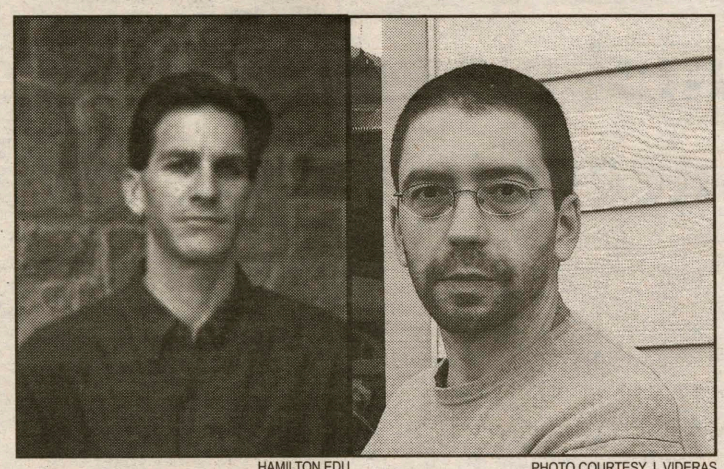
Videras complimented his supportive department, committed faculty members, and students whose enthusiasm and curiosity he called "infectious and stimulating." Videras said that his best experiences at Hamilton have involved students who are "deeply interested" and "see beyond the grade and the purely utilitarian and approach learning as a transformative experience." He lauded Hamilton students for "responding very well to pressure and high standards." Videras also commented that Hamilton students are "fairly demanding," which has made his teaching experience "challenging yet rewarding."

Professor Ellingson echoed Videras and said that Hamilton students "ask questions in class that really force [him] to think" and are "more interested in learning than in their grades." Before teaching at Hamilton, Ellingson received his doctorate and masters degree from the University of Chicago, where he conducted research on human sexuality, bio-ethics, and health care organizations, Ellingson held a grant-funded position at a theological school in Berkeley where he instructed students who were studying to become ministers and researched mainline Protestant congregations.

While at Hamilton, Ellingson wrote "The Megachurch and the Mainline: Remaking Religious Tradition in the Twenty-First Century" and is the co-author of several other books such as "Religion and Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective." He also served as an associate editor and book review co-editor of the American Journal of Sociology.

As an Associate Professor at Hamilton, Ellingson said that he hopes to write a book about "faith-based environmentalism" and develop his pedagogical approach by designing "courses around student interests and that emphasize more hands on and experiential learning." He would like his research to be of interest and use to the non-sociological audience. Ellingston also hopes to be part of a winning HamTrek team.

Hamilton College will officially welcome Ellingson and Videras as Associate Professors on July 1, 2008.



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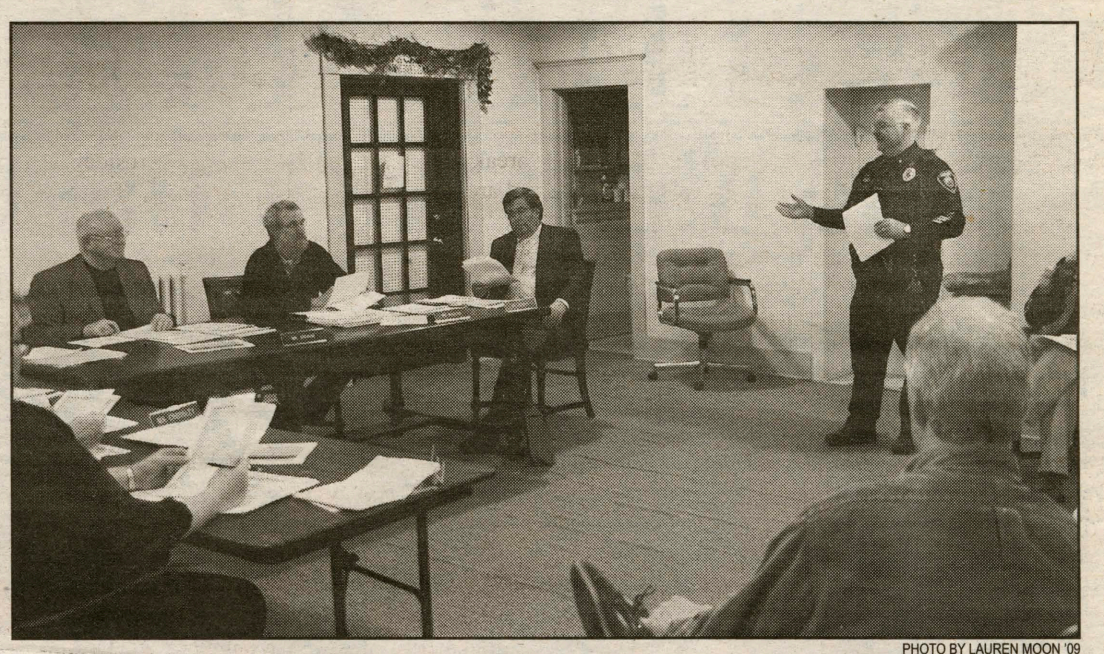
Professors Stephan Ellingson and Julio Videras recieved tenure and will become Associate Professors on July 1.



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The issue of malicious fire alarms was raised at the Village of Clinton Board meeting.

False alarms endanger lives

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lives of individuals." Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls echoed Thompson in expressing the seriousness of false alarms. According to Ingalls, "When a building receives frequent false alarms the residents of that building become complacent and do not take future alarms seriously."

Hamilton College Campus Safety and the Clinton Fire Department are also adversely affected by false alarms on the Hamilton campus. At the activation of an alarm, the Office of Campus Safety dispatches Campus Safety officers to the location of the alarm, who then call 911 to report the alarm. 911 then dispatches the Clinton Fire Department, and volunteers from the Clinton community leave their homes and places of employment to come to the Hill.

Ingalls commented, "The Clinton Fire department personnel are volunteers with family and jobs. False alarms are just as disruptive to them as they are to students." Furthermore, if an emergency responder is injured while responding to a false alarm, the person who triggered the alarm will be charged with a felony. If a responder dies, the case is handled as a homicide. Campus Safety personnel addressed the Clinton community at a village meeting on March 8. "We appreciate all that the local departments do for the members of the Hamilton Community and want to maintain a positive working relationship with them," said Ingalls. "False alarms can in no way contribute to a healthy town/gown relationship."

According to both Ingalls and Thompson, the College takes all safety violations seriously. "If a student is found responsible for pulling a fire alarm or reporting a false fire they will be suspended or expelled," said Ingalls. "It is important to note that this is *not a new sanction.*" *Thompson* warned, "If these false activations were connected with any recognized organization on campus, that group will face disciplinary action that could include permanent loss of recognition by the College."

Sabbatical planned for 2009

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According to President Stewart, the completion of the Excelsior Campaign factored into her decision to take the sabbatical. "From the point of view of the College, it seemed a good time, since we will have just successfully ended a major capital campaign. I would not have wanted to be away from campus for a period of weeks or months while we were still in a campaign." The campaign, which raised over $75 million for Hamilton's endowment, began a year after President Stewart assumed the presidency, and has been a main focus of her work thus far.

The campaign's fiscal accomplishment coincided with Stewart's fifth year at the college, a point at which many college presidents take sabbaticals. However, the conclusion of Excelsior was not the only contributor to President Stewart's decision. When she became president of Hamilton, Stewart dropped focus on her research project, which she describes as relating "to women and aging in the eighteenth century." President Stewart has had little time to continue work on the project with her fiduciary responsibilities to the college.

The seminar course on the eighteenth-century novel that President Stewart co-teaches with Prof. John H. O'Neill helped reignite her academic goals for her project. Stewart said that, "Discussions with our wonderful students reminded me of how much I love the literature of this period!"

This research project is the newest in a line of books and articles on eighteenth-century literature written by President Stewart. This particular project, however, is a slight departure from her previous works, and will focus on letters and memoirs in addition to novels written by women of the 1700's. President Stewart's main interest lies in the comparison between the self-described experiences of women and what physicians and philosophers told them they were supposed to feel.

President Stewart will be taking her sabbatical during the spring semester of 2009, during which time Dean Urgo will assume the role of Acting President of Hamilton College. According to President Stewart, Dean Urgo "expects to appoint an Acting Dean to serve while he is Acting President." Though there is no official word on who will be covering Urgo's decanal responsibilities, this Acting Deanship will presumably be performed by Associate Dean of Faculty and Professor of Biology Patrick Reynolds.

Though President Stewart is eager to return to her longstanding academic project, the sabbatical is not a harbinger of any permanent move from Hamilton College. When asked whether or not she expects to finish her work on the project by the end of her sabbatical, President Stewart stated that she "hope[s] to have made significant progress and to be, at least, within sight of finishing."

Update on Hill Card features

by Kara Labs '10
News Writer

Many of the new features of the Hill Card are in place and working properly, with the exception of the card swipe system for entry into most of the dorms on campus. Many of the vending machines on campus also need to be updated to the new card system.

The new card system implementation was divided into two phases. The first phase consisted of installing the card swipe system on Dunham, North, and South Residence halls. Phase I also included replacing all the features of the old card such as dining, purchasing items at Café Opus and the bookstore, and use of the card for vending, laundry, and copying purposes. The new washer and dryers were recently installed over spring break in all the residence halls and are now accepting Hill Card-only payment. Now only the washers and dryers in the Bristol Center are coin operated.

Also instituted over break was the online payment system. "This permits students and parents to add money to the Hill Card. Students can also check their account balances and disable their cards if they lose them," said Vice President for Information Technology Dave Smallen. He added, "This is all done through the 'Tools' tab in My Hamilton. Hill Card users can also check their balances on-line."

It is now possible for Hill Card users to pay for charges at the mail center. As a part of Phase II of the process, the wiring process for door access to the twenty-five remaining residence halls began over break. "Further wiring and testing will take place over the next three months," said Smallen. The completion date for phase II is August 1, 2008.

"As expected in any project of this size, we encountered problems with various components of phase I. For the most part these problems have been resolved," Smallen commented. In the beginning of the process there were minor problems with door access. The remaining unresolved issues include the inability to add drying time to laundry without adding another full cycle. Secondly, there is still the issue of false door alarms. "These do not affect student access to residence

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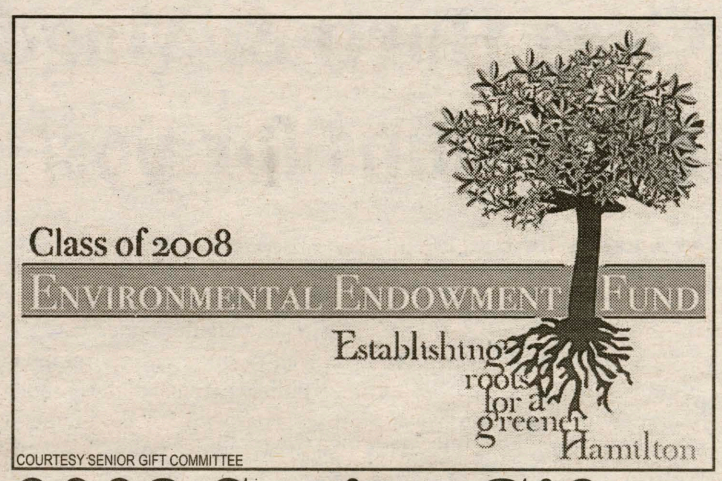

COURTESY SENIOR GIFT COMMITTEE

2008 Senior Gift Campaign Exceeds 75% Participation

by Sara Bryant '08
News Contributor

The Class of 2008 came one step closer to achieving their ultimate goal of 100 percent class participation in their Senior Gift Campaign for the Class of 2008 Environmental Endowment Fund. Thanks to the continued and dedicated work of the 2008 Senior Gift Committee, the class exceeded the 75% participation Trustee challenge deadline and earned an additional $2,500 in challenge money for their gift. Seniors celebrated their collective successes with members of the Board of Trustees at a champagne toast reception in the Bristol Hub. Stuart Scott '61, chairman of the Board, feted the class for their achievements both in and out of the classroom during their time on the Hill.

The Class of 2008 Environmental Endowment Fund will provide support for projects, undertaken by campus clubs and student organizations that focus on environmental and sustainability initiatives. Over 340 members of the Senior Class have made a gift to the Campaign so far, which follows in the great Hamilton tradition of senior giving. For the past 15 years, every senior class has exceeded 90% participation, and the Class of 2007 set the all-time record with 97.6%.

"The high level of participation is a tremendous marker of pride for our class," remarked Ned Gilliss '08, senior gift co-chair along with Blythe Winchester '08. "Our committee has rallied together on this important project for Hamilton and we're especially grateful to everyone who has given so far. The next participation challenge is to achieve 90% participation by April 18, which will trigger an additional $4,500 in Trustee Challenge Funds."

Every senior who makes a gift receives a commemorative pint glass and Hamilton calendar as a "thank you" from the Office of Annual Giving. Additionally, the senior gift committee is organizing a tree planting for seniors and their parents around Saturday of graduation weekend to celebrate the success of the campaign.

Members of the Hamilton Community interested in giving to the Class of 2008 Environmental Endowment Fund should contact Associate Director of Annual Giving Dave Steadman '03 at x4898 or dsteadma@hamilton.edu. Additional information and an application for the Class of 2009 Senior Gift Committee and Co-Chair position is available online: http://www.hamilton.edu/alumni/StudentEngagement/2008seniorgift.html.

Franklin commands "Respect"

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went into "One Night With The King." When she finished her set, she thanked those who had made her performance possible, including President Stewart, Hamilton College, and the audience. In turn, the audience thanked her with tremendous applause and another standing ovation.

For her performance, Franklin had a large musical ensemble including her son and touring musical director Teddy Franklin on guitar, and Hamilton's own Monk Rowe, the Joe Williams Director of the Jazz Archive, playing the saxophone. The musicians played a special piece while Franklin took a short break during the performance.

Student usher Manny Hernandez '08 felt the entire performance was "well organized and well planned." Abby Cole '08 agreed that "the concert was amazing and a nice change from the usual Great Name guests." In the past the Sacerdote Great Names Series has brought national and international leaders in government, business, science, and the arts to Hamilton, such as Al Gore, Bill Clinton, and Madeleine Albright. This year's appearance by the Grammy winning, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted "Queen of Soul" was certainly a change from recent speakers, but definitely a welcome one.

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Franklin belts out "Higher and Higher" by Jackie Wilson.

Class of 2012 impresses with scores and statistics

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Hamilton College as students' choice for undergraduate studies to the institution's many great qualities. Inzer said that because of Hamilton's successful alumni, renowned faculty, and our unique open curriculum, Hamilton's reputation continues to grow each year. With more than $100 million in investments for academic and residential facilities, an education at Hamilton appeals to top high school seniors.

Up two percent from last year's applicants and 19 percent from 2006, over 5,000 students applied to become members of Hamilton's Bicentennial class. On Friday, March 28, the Admissions office sent some 1,150 regular decision acceptance letters to students and now awaits replies from students.

The students' credentials are impressive. Eighty-seven percent of admitted students were in the top ten percent of their high school class. SAT scores average around 1409. The students come from 47 states and 38 countries. Hoping to add diversity to the Hamilton campus, 23 percent of the accepted students yield from underrepresented minorities, while six percent are international students.

While the accepted pool is outstanding, it is yet to be determined how many will send in deposits by the May 1 deadline. Nonetheless, Inzer noted, "We're both confident and excited about our admitted class and look forward to reporting on the returns in May."

While the Admissions Office is ecstatic about the incoming class, Hamilton's student body may need a bit more convincing. Some students regard the statistics as overrated and just numbers. Although the bicentennial class is an important milestone for Hamilton, Lauren Tom '10, pointed out, "this is just another class studying at Hamilton." However, Tom noted, the increased numbers "are great for the college's image, which helps every graduate from Hamilton have a bit of an edge."

Though Hamilton students may not be impressed by the SAT scores and acceptance rates, they are ready to welcome a new class to the Hill. "I'm looking forward to having them here," Zeeshan Haider '09 remarked, "And I hope they maintain Hamilton's reputation and quality." Haider said that the Bicentennial class, just like any other incoming class at Hamilton, "will have to prove themselves as strong, intelligent members of the Hamilton community."

April will be a busy month around campus, with prospective students traveling great distances to visit Hamilton. "We're grateful for all that so many members of the Hamilton community do in April to help us show off this great college to our admits," Inzer said. Throughout this month, expect to see enormous tours around campus of prospective students contemplating a future on the Hill.

Greg Hartt & Magda Wierzbicka awarded Watson Fellowhips for post-graduate studies abroad

by Amanda Jordan '10
News Writer

The Thomas J. Watson Program awarded Greg Hartt '08 and Magda Wierzbicka '08 Watson fellowships for 2008-2009. The Watson Fellowship provides funding for graduating seniors to travel outside the United States for a year of independent study. Both Hartt and Wierzbicka have plans for next year to pursue their academic interests in several different countries.

A double major in Chemistry and French, Hartt participated in the Hamilton College Junior Year in France program last year, is a Resident Advisor, brother of TKE, and a peer tutor in French. He is currently working on computational atmospheric chemistry research with Professors George C. Shields and Karl N. Kirschner. After he returns from Africa, he would like to pursue a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Chemistry.

Hartt is also a co-author on papers published in Health Physics Society, Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry, as well as a co-author with Shields and Kirschner on a paper published in Journal of Chemical Physics, and a paper recently accepted for publication in the Journal of Physical Chemistry A.

Hartt will spend the year after graduation in South Africa, Madagascar, Tanzania, Cameroon, and Senegal. He will work with scientists and government officials to better understand the current science and environmental policies in each of these countries. Hartt explained, "I hope to learn how these policies are enforced, how much scientific study plays a role in their development, whether the policies are enforced, and whether these policies take into account the possible future of the environment."

Hartt will also analyze the agricultural policies in Madagascar, Tanzania, Cameroon, and Senegal. He will live in small scale farming communities to study the modes of life and relationships with the environment. He hopes to discover if there has been a noticeable climate change in these communities over the past decades, and how, if at all, the residents of these communities are preparing for the future.

On being awarded a Watson Fellowship, Hartt remarked, "This is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. I couldn't be more thrilled to have received the Watson. Essentially, I've been given a year to live and learn in Africa, which is so incredible."

Hartt also commented about the independence of his study, "Since there are no project advisors, the freedom of this project is amazing, leaving me the opportunity to take out exactly what I want. One of the things that I really hope to get out of this project is inspiration for future chemistry research."

With interests in sociolinguistics, world cultures, travel, and music, Wierzbicka will use her fellowship to further her career goals. A double major in Chinese and French, she said, "After the Watson I plan on pursuing a one-year Master of Education program in International Education Policy. I hope to first gain the necessary theoretical background to later work for an international non-governmental organization on improving education in linguistically and culturally diversified regions. I would like to return to southwest China to become an educator."

PHOTO COURTESY MAGNA WIERZBICKA '08 PHOTO COURTESY GREG HARTT '08

Recipients of the Watson Fellowship, Wierzbieka '08 and Hartt '08 will study in foreign countries.

The title of Wierzbicka's Watson project is: "In the World of Words: Exploring Creole Culture through an Oral Lens." Wierzbicka said, "French-based Creoles are primarily oral languages, widely spoken in French overseas departments and territories, as well as in some countries that during colonial periods used to be under French governance. The languages are of limited official recognition. I believe that cross-cultural study of Creole languages can bring new light to sociolinguistics."

As part of her project, Wierzbicka will travel to Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Seychelles, and New Caledonia next year. She will immerse herself in the various cultures, and remarked, "I want to engage in daily activities, such as choir participation, festival preparation, and volunteering to learn about Creole speakers' cultural and demographic diversity." She added, "My main objective is to become a member of each society that I am in on my Watson adventure. I want the project to be an extremely active and engaging one."

When asked what it feels like to be awarded the fellowship, Wierzbicka said, "The thought of such an amazing travel and learning opportunity still seems like a dream to me."

After spending her last year in France with Hamilton, Wierzbicka began putting her project ideas on paper with help from Ginny Dosch, Fellowships Coordinator. Wierzbicka commented, "Dosch has been amazing in providing feedback and general support." Wierzbicka said of winning the Watson, "It was one of the greatest moments in my life. It's like having just finished constructing a plane, and getting ready to take off."

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Hill Card features running smoothly

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halls but are important to resolve before we extend Hill Card access to other residence halls," stated Smallen.

There have been many services and people who have provided their time and energy to this process including: Administrative Services (particularly Irene Cornish and Dannelle Parker), Residential Life, Campus Safety, ITS, College Store, Physical Plant, Business Office, Communications and Development, Human Resources, Student Assembly, Nelson Engineering, and our installation contractor, Campus Communications. These organizations and individuals have worked effectively and efficiently together to get the Hill Card system in place.

Hamilton students have been very helpful in providing feedback and reporting problems with different aspects of the system. To assist in the planning stages of phase one, Student Assembly provided an open forum where project managers could solicit advice directly from students. Smallen commented, "Once we have completed phase II and see that things are operating smoothly, we will begin to look at ways of extending the uses of the card to things like access to academic buildings and services off-campus. The Hill Card offers opportunities to enhance convenience and improve efficiency at the same time. Stay tuned!"

The Writing Center
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Elections will be held on **Tuesday April 29th** for the following positions:

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1 per class year

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3 per class year

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Strategic Planning student rep reports:

The student representatives to the Strategic Planning subcommittees need your input! Below are reports from each of the student representatives to the eight SP subcommittees. Make sure you contact the students reps with your ideas or fill out the Strategic Planning Survey! For more info on the Strategic Planning process and contact info for each subcommittee, visit the Hamilton website.

Resources, Facilities and Environment

The Subcommittee on Resources, Facilities, and Environment has focused on five major questions to address in the Strategic Plan. First, how can classroom and teaching spaces be developed to support contemporary teaching and learning styles? Second, does the college want an entirely residential campus and what role should faculty and staff play in a residential campus? Third, how can the college best make use of the campus in the summertime? Fourth, in what ways can the college work toward minimized environmental impact and carbon neutrality? And finally, how can the college increase environmental awareness? Currently, the committee is working to find the best answers to these questions. Feedback can be provided online (my.hamilton.edu/strategicplan/) or to any committee member.

Residential Life and Co-curricular Programs

The Residential Life and Co-Curricular Programming Subcommittee meets regularly to discuss various aspects of Residential Life and programming at Hamilton to identify the College's strengths and weaknesses in these areas. The committee has met with various guests, including: Dean Joe Urgo, students, the Residential Life staff, Dean Nancy Thompson, and Professor Jean Burr, a representative of the Resources, Facilities and Environments Subcommittee. Additionally, committee members have spoken at the open forum, trustee meetings, student organizations' meetings, met separately with individuals, and met with the Division of Student Life.

Thus far, the committee has identified many successful aspects of Hamilton, as well as those potentially requiring attention from the College. The committee has received positive feedback on the Adirondack Adventure and POSSE retreat structures, as well as on the REAL Program in Wertimer. Some areas potentially meriting attention in the next five years include: first year orientation, its content, and structure; first year programming, such as many other NESCAC schools have; housing, including the quality, quantity and types available; social life, including Greek Life, drinking, and Hamilton's geographic location; the RA structure, its chain of responsibility and programming opportunities; and, the integration between academics and residential life, especially focusing on relationships between students and faculty. The committee is prioritizing these areas of concern in order to convey recommendations for the Interim Report.

The committee is chaired by Professor Rob Kantrowitz. Professor WeiJen Chang, student Sarah Patterson, trustee Barry Seaman, Cindy Smiegal, Brenda Davis, and Jeff Landry also serve on the committee.

Academic Programs

The Subcommittee on Academic Programming has framed its discussion around a central question: has the academic program at Hamilton kept up with the improvement in student body and physical campus over the past decade? We have broken the topic down into five main areas: the open curriculum and the liberal arts, special academic programs (ie. off-campus study, writing, oral communications, etc), standards and assessment, diversity, and teaching, learning, and the academic experience. Specifically, we have worked to address two central issues. Statistically speaking, minority and international students are among the groups of students who are least satisfied with their Hamilton experience upon graduation. We are working to understand why this is the case, and what the academic program can offer to change this attitude. Additionally, an increasing number of students are avoiding quantitative-skill based classes and the sciences. We proposed increasing the number of cross-discipline classes to improve student participation in these areas. The subcommittee has addressed other issues, such as the number of first year students who feel insufficiently challenged, as well as examining the student-professor relationship and how this is reflected in tenure or promotion.

Shared Governance and Administration

The Subcommittee on Shared Governance and Administration has spent the last few months examining the governance structures of Hamilton College and the role various Hamilton constituencies play in the governance of our institution. Simply sorting through the current process of shared governance, which involves the contributions of faculty committees, Student Assembly, the adminstration, and the Board of Trustees, it quickly became apparent that access to information and transparency were key to more productive governance. The question of most relevance to students is: how can the students, who are only here for 4 years (ideally), hope to effect change upon and participate in the governance of an institution that exists for them? The Shared Governance and Administration subcommittee welcomes any student ideas and input. Please contact mconnor@hamilton.edu.

Athletics

The subcommittee on athletics' main focus at this point is discussing the implications of having all Hamilton varsity teams on a full NESCAC schedule. This includes looking at budgetary constraints and changes as well as logistical changes. Also, the committee has been discussing the state of our current athletic facilities, both the pros and cons of some of the facilities, as well as what Hamilton could do to up-grade some of them. We have been talking to many people on campus including Director of Athletics Jon Hind, Associate Director of Athletics, various students and student athletes, Vice President of Communications and Development Dick Tantillo, as well as coaches and faculty members. In addition to this our committee has also been looking at ways to derive a better connection between athletics and academics through instituting a lecture series or having more classes that have athletic related topics in them.

Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Development

The Faculty and Employee Recruitment and Development Strategic Planning Committee addressed a variety of concerns over the course of the semester. Most importantly, issues of diversity among the faculty and staff have been discussed at great length. How important is it that Hamilton nationally search for the best possible candidates and offer competitive salaries to these qualified individuals? Universal hiring policies across staff, administration and faculty are also important points under discussion. Again, should the college follow the same policies for all three groups? How can we recruit the most diverse and well-qualified faculty, staff and administrators to come to the hill, and then keep them here? These are all questions that we hope to address in our final report.

Student concerns mainly pertain to a separate set of issues. First, the recent Student Assembly resolution involving the importance of student course evaluations should reflect the administration's decisions involving tenure and salary raises for members of the faculty. The administration should also consult these evaluations to address faculty turnover. What are the advantages and disadvantages to having a large number of visiting professors? The campus community as a whole affects student relationships with administrators and staff. How can we better facilitate these relationships as mentorship and resources can be found within these two groups and are rarely taken advantage of by students. The committee welcomes suggestions and input. Please feel free to contact us! bwinches@hamilton.edu

Ethics and Academic Freedom

The Ethics and Academic Freedom Subcommittee has been examining the bedrock values and ethical concerns of Hamilton. Much of our discussion has focused on what values are held as important by the whole community--such as whether or not to include measures like civility (with its tone of respect but inevitable limitation of speech) in a summary of campus values, or how to deal with staff salaries in an ethical manner. The subcommittee is particularly interested in encouraging transparent decisions by college authorities, strengthening the honor code, and supporting a diverse student body. Much discussion has revolved around how much Hamilton's climate supports academic freedom, and whether we can improve openness on campus. This discussion is often linked to consideration of how Hamilton can learn from past controversies, such as the matter of the Alexander Hamilton Center and the firestorm around Ward Churchill. We are seeking to determine what mechanisms would best promote an environment of free inquiry and discussion in the future.

Student Recruitment and Retention

Dear Hamilton Community,

Greetings from the Recruitment and Retention Committee! The following is a quick update on our progress thus far:

- The committee has recently finished its data collection process. We are beginning to develop an itemized list of topics and concerns (from the perspective of recruitment and retention) in regards to the schools near future. Although by no means complete, some of the listed topics include:
  - Going Need Blind: is this possible, if so by when, and how?
  - The Ties that Bind: creating a stronger sense of community among all classes, especially first-year students.
  - The Changing Demographic: how may Hamilton adjust to the schools changing demographic in order to better serve the entire community?

Again, the above list is a mere sampling. Have questions, concerns, and or suggestions? Please email me with your thoughts at idoran@hamilton.edu

Sincerely,
Ian Doran

The Truth Has No Author

The Gossip Box

"Come with Joanie if you want to live."

The Rumor

Hamilton College's difficult-to-locate president, Joan Hinde Stewart, is often decried as a distant authority figure who doesn't have sincere connections to the Hamilton student body at large. To counter this perception, President Stewart holds weekly office hours, originally in Opus, but now in Opus 2, open to all students who have a suggestion, a question, or just want to be photographed drinking coffee with Diane Keaton's most powerful lookalike. But how familiar is Joan with the Kirkland side of campus?

The Evidence

When walking across the Martin's Way bridge toward the $25 million KJ renovation project, a student was stopped by a petite, middle-aged woman. She politely asked him what direction would take her around the construction to Opus, was answered with the vaguest of directions, and commenced on her way toward Hamilton's favorite Euro coffee stop. It was only after she left that the student realized that the woman who had just asked him where Opus was located was Joan Hinde Stewart, President of Hamilton College. Though her office hours used to occur in Opus One, Joan had no idea where it was. Sure, we may argue that she's slightly removed from the *hoi polloi* of Hamilton College, but seriously, this incident would suggest that she hasn't been on the dark side since the construction began!

The Conclusion

It's official: President Joan Hinde Stewart has been replaced, possibly by a "Terminatrix" sent from the future. Clearly, Hamilton students will play a bigger role in the coming decades than being C-level executives and Botoxed trophy wives. One of us is going to save humanity from the coming robot apocalypse, and the new Joan Hinde Stewart (possibly Joan1000) is going to make sure it doesn't happen. Run, Apolon, for the sake of humanity.

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Letter to the Editor

When I speak to staff (i.e. office assistants, technicians etc.) they say they enjoy working at Hamilton because of the community. I am concerned, however, that staff members are marginalized in terms of voice and compensation. Every member of the Hamilton community has certain rights; when these rights are abridged it is the responsibility of the entire community to petition on their behalf.

All constituencies of people at Hamilton have a clear and effective forum to voice their concerns— except staff. As students we can go to the grievance board, the ombudsperson (Dean Yao), or even to the President's open hours. Staff members must take their concerns directly to their supervisor or human resources, which is not useful when the supervisor or the system is part of the problem. They may also attend the President's open hours but only with the permission of their supervisor. The Staff Advisory Committee is intended for this purpose, but has little power to respond to concerns. Like students staff should have an unbiased, effective and safe forum in which to express their grievances or concerns.

Not all staff members at Hamilton are compensated adequately. Secretaries have shared their stories: "My husband makes 'decent' money for the local area, however, we still have a $400 deficit in our budget each month." Another gave me her monthly budget with a $150 deficit and she explains it is "the bare bones essentials— It does not allow for any kind of phone service, utility expenses, entertainment or recreation, and does not include things like gifts for family members' birthdays and Christmastime, or new clothes, or new computer, or any appliances should anything I own break down." Other expenses, such as loan payments, can become extremely difficult to pay off as she explains, "then the week that my student loan is due, I would have to choose between gas for the car or groceries— or to use a credit card," which already has a large debt. People at the lower end of the wage scale ($20,000) struggle to make ends meet, especially with the increasing cost of living.

I hope that the situation expressed in these anecdotes is not common at Hamilton— but it should not be happening to anyone. Staff position salaries should be at the median or upper range of their regional counter-parts. Staff should be guaranteed a cost of living percent raise, which is necessary to maintain their current standard of living given inflation. If merit raises can only be given to certain employees at the expense of other employees' cost of living raises, then there is simply not enough money allocated to that fund. An office assistant recently told me she made flight reservations for a visiting speaker and "was horrified to find out the flight costs $715.00. I was told, 'don't worry there is plenty of money in our speakers fund.' I then figured out what a 4% salary increase for me would be and it came out to about $400." With a $700 million endowment and tuition of $48,000, Hamilton is a very privileged institution. In a context of so much wealth, we should be able to pay staff, who are fundamental to our mission, a decent wage.

I am finally concerned that in an institution as successful as Hamilton, or in a community as strong as ours, ethical policies protecting staff members are not institutionalized. There should be an active board or ombudsperson specifically for staff people. Surveys and re-evaluation of staff compensation and raises should be completed regularly to ensure that we are at the higher end of our regional counter-parts.

-Corinne Bancroft '10

Thumbs up

Aretha Franklin: for once my grandmother approves of what I did on Saturday night.

Join the Continental Staff, because Contmag.com looks great as a resume builder.

IM Spring sports: it's not how many points you score, but how many beers you drink.

Instead of writing another joke, we've decided to make a list of things Hamilton students like on Page 11, a la stuffwhitepeoplelike.wordpress.com.

Seriously, it's funny.

Thumbs down

The Notebook on the movie channel: it's not true romance without Keystone.

Sitting next to fat people on airplanes. Joan Hinde paid $1200 for this seat, so are you going to give me $600 for the half you are taking up?

Joan Hinde admonishes "the help" for being too friendly at senior dinner. At least they know our names…

Saturday night fire alarms: you realize that these false alarms cut into the valuable time we could be spending smoking inside, right?

by Sarah Cornblath '08
& Anthony DelConte '10

Who Cares?

The one million emails from Table Tennis. Congratulations, you have officially replaced the Career Center as the most annoying organization on campus.

Housing plans: stop asking me where I want to live next year. It depends on my lottery number and how many points I get for all those fire alarms.

For my fire alarm alibi, see TD #4.

Oh hey, look… last night was a mistake. Yes, undoubtedly it was passionate and romantic, but I think we should just be friends. So please inviting people to our wedding on Facebook… I'm sorry, please don't cry. I know, it hurts.

Joan Hinde gets booed at Aretha… now, was she booed because she's Joan or because she wasn't Aretha? Seriously Joan, you're only a quarter the woman Aretha is (literally).

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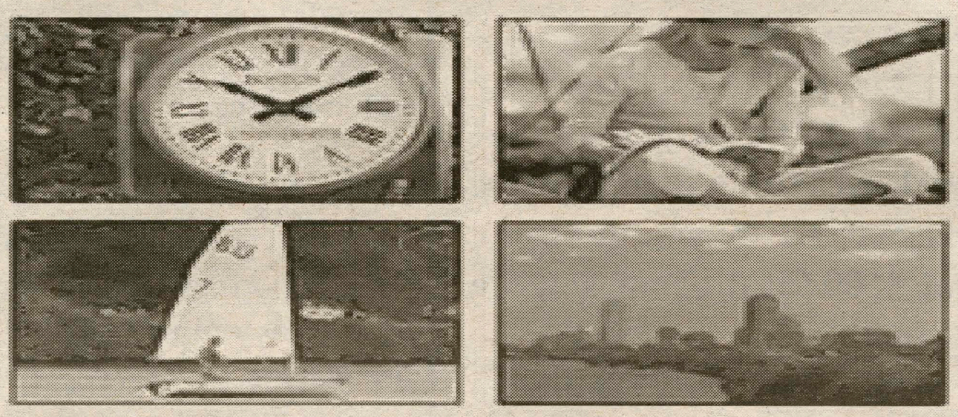

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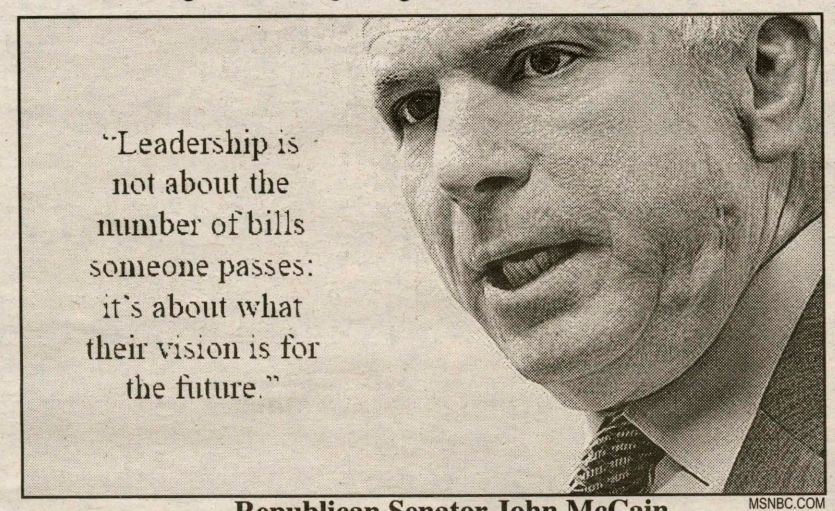
Talk is Cheap: the Truth About John McCain

by Will Leubsdorf '10
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

There is no doubt a general election between John McCain and Barack Obama would be an interesting contrast, in ways most people don't realize right now. After reading Mr. Cronkite's editorial last week, I feel obligated to address some of the issues he brings up.

One issue is the notion that McCain is more specific on policy than Obama. This is simply not the case. McCain is vague on most of the important issues. His health care plan is ambiguous, sharply contrasting with Obama's specific, pragmatic plan to provide almost universal health care coverage without mandates. McCain plans to address rising health care costs by "harnessing market competition," which sounds more like a gimmic than a serious policy proposal. Looking over McCain's other policy plans, I haven't seen one that's especially innovative or pragmatic. McCain has the same old GOP platform: a hodgepodge of failed policies reflecting the antiquated thinking of the past.

More egregious is McCain's tepid responses to the recession and the collapse of the housing market. Despite serving twice as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, which oversees laws relating to interstate economic activities, McCain admits he "doesn't know a lot about the economy," showing that just because McCain has been in Washington for a long time doesn't mean he knows what he's doing. His economic plan consists mostly of tax cuts for the wealthy, ideas taken straight from George W. Bush's playbook. McCain not only doesn't have a plan for the housing crisis but refuses to create one, because dealing with the suffering of millions of Americans would be "pandering." Obama, on the other hand, has put forward detailed plans on all of these issues, proposing pragmatic policy approaches rather than just continuing George W. Bush's failed policies.



MSNBC.COM
Republican Senator John McCain

John McCain is not a moderate. He is, in fact, a conservative. McCain supports supply-side economics, a theory beloved by conservatives but consistently proven as wrong by economists. McCain is pro-life, and stated he would select Supreme Court Justices like Samuel Alito, right-wing judges who would take away women's right to choose, and roll back advances in individual freedoms such as the right to privacy. McCain favors privatizing Social Security and unrestricted free trade. Liberals, moderates, and independents shouldn't be under any delusions: John McCain is a conservative, and will govern as a conservative.

Cronkite argues Barack Obama is not accomplished enough to be president, and that he needs to do "something of significance" to earn the Presidency. I'm not clear on what something of significance is (although it sounds very serious and important), but the fact is that Americans frequently elect Presidents with few previous accomplishments. Abraham Lincoln, FDR, and John Kennedy were all men who accomplished little before entering the White House, winning against more experienced and "accomplished" opponents. Leadership is not about the number of bills someone passes; it's about what their vision is for the future. Those leaders, like Barack Obama now, had a concrete vision for where they wanted to take this country, and their opponents did not. That's why those men beat more accomplished and experienced men.

In any case, McCain's legislative accomplishments aren't impressive. McCain's main accomplishment, the McCain-Feingold bill, has not stopped special interest money from entering politics but has redirected it through 527 groups such as Swift Boat Veterans For Truth. Of course, McCain hasn't brought up McCain-Feingold recently because he doesn't want to anger the GOP base, not exactly showing his much noted political courage. In fact, McCain has very cozy relations with lobbyists, despite his public proclamations, with lobbyists populating the top ranks of his campaign and fundraising team. This is most notable with lobbyists for corporations, such as telecommunications companies, that are regulated by the Commerce Committee which McCain chaired. McCain is especially close to telecomm lobbyists, who've donated $765,000 to his campaign. I guess McCain was too busy making friends with them to learn about the economy. McCain's record on lobbyists is weak, dating back to the Keating Five scandal, when he was cited by the Senate Ethics committee for interfering with federal regulators investigating one of his top fundraisers.

John McCain is a good man, but he's the wrong man for this moment in history. His vision for the future is just more of the same failed policies of the past 8 years. I don't support Barack Obama because I think he's our savior; I support him because of the substantive policies he proposes. I support Barack Obama because his polices are a drastic and necessary change from the way Washington operates, and John McCain, a Washington insider for nearly three decade, cannot hope to match that.

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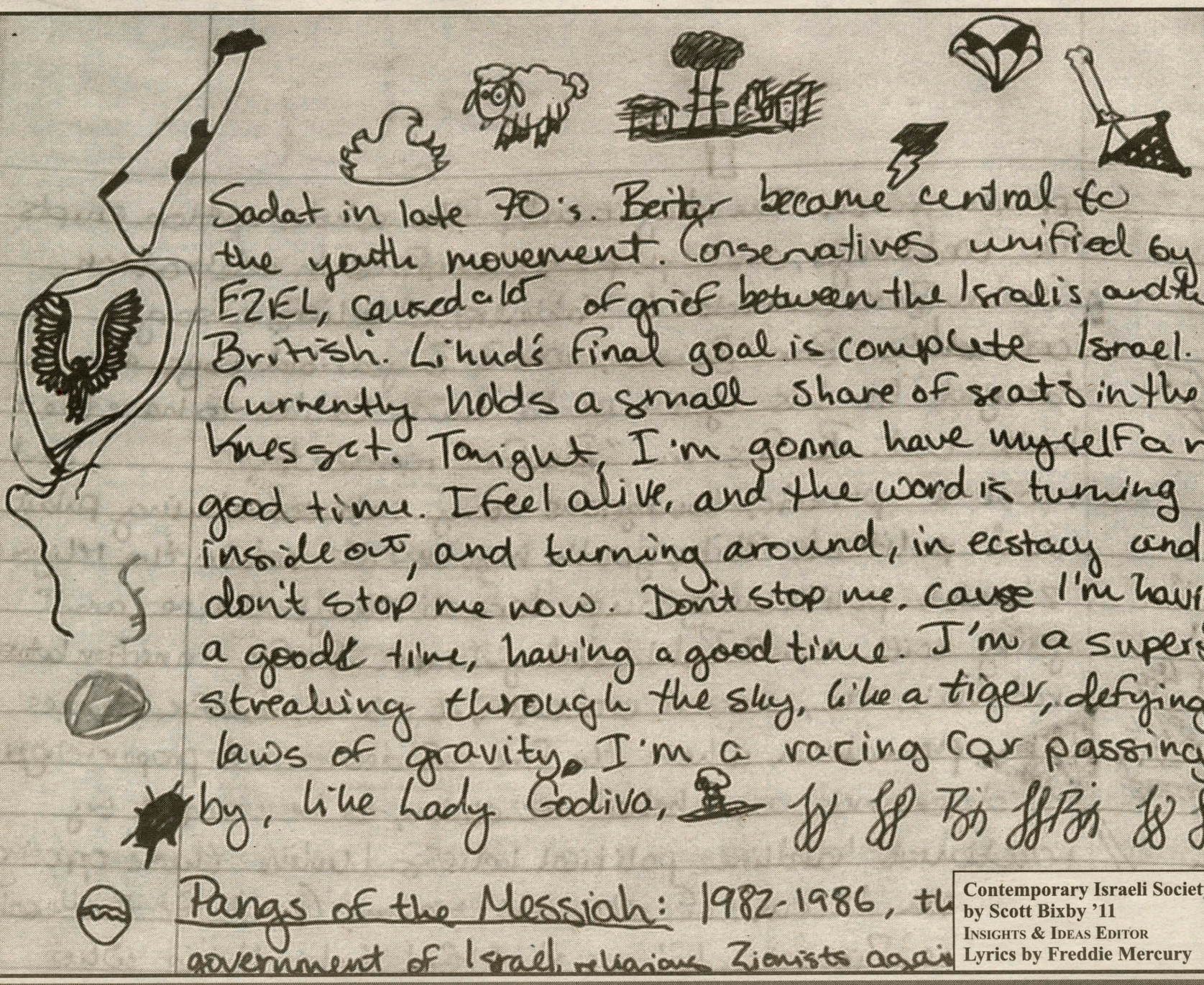
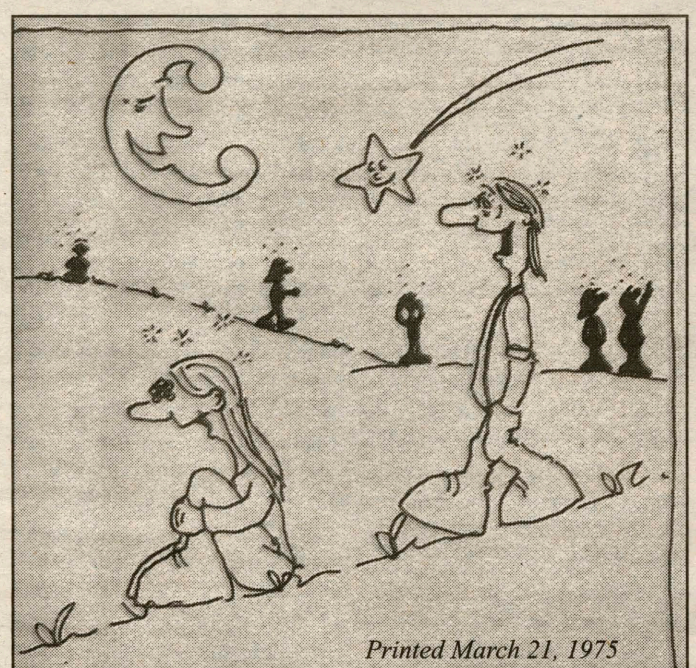

Sadat in late 70's. Begin became central to
the youth movement. Conservatives unified by
EZEL, caused a lot of grief between the Israelis and the
British. Likud's final goal is complete Israel.
Currently holds a small share of seats in the
Knesset. Tonight, I'm gonna have myself a real
good time. I feel alive, and the world is turning
inside out, and turning around, in ecstacy and
don't stop me now. Don't stop me, cause I'm having
a good time, having a good time. I'm a superstar
streaking through the sky, like a tiger, defying the
laws of gravity. I'm a racing car passing
by, like Lady Godiva,
Pangs of the Messiah: 1982-1986, th
government of Israel, religious Zionists agai

Contemporary Israeli Society Notes
by Scott Bixby '11
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR
Lyrics by Freddie Mercury

The Spectator's Page from the Past

A description of the Spec office is needed here. Aside from the assorted detritus common to any newsroom, (pizza boxes, sticky notes, coffee filters, printer cartridges), the office of the Spectator is filled with the newspaper's archives, old issues that go back decades. Upon opening up one of the yellowing volumes, we found fascinating articles, insightful Letters to the Editor, and ten times more explicit references to alcohol than we assumed a college paper was allowed. Some of these pieces, such as the Letter to the Editor on separate housing for minorities, still hold relevance to Hamilton in the modern day. Others, like the article on Kirkland turning away a student once she lost the use of her legs, remind us of how far we've come. And others (Drinking Problem Noticed on Hill, 1973), confirm that the current Hamilton we know and love has been a long time in the making. Welcome to Hamilton College's own time capsule: here's the first Page from the Past.



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Golden Age Returns To Utica

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ATHY HECHT

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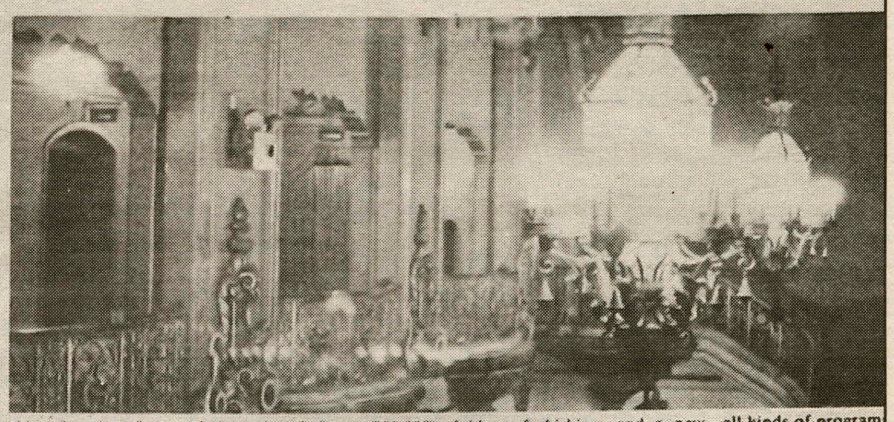

chipped paint. Some of the original furnishings are gone. Mirrors have been replaced by plain painted panels, the foyer and lounges are devoid of furniture, and many entrances and arches no longer have

($30,000), lobby refurbishing, and a new marquee.

Titanic Staircase

On entering the lobby, one first notices the spiral staircase leading up to the mezzanine. In front of the stairs is a cardboard man-

all kinds of program it for a kick-off, religious groups ha groups have rehearse for the Utica players Christmans play he

Northern Lights

To the Editor:

I hereby apologize to all those who thought they saw a spectacular display of the Northern Lights on Sunday.

I personally accept all of the blame for the irresponsibility which led to the accidental loss of one thousand hits of LSD somewhere in the region of the Hamilton-Kirkland Reservoir Complex.

Name Withheld

Printed May 7, 1976

Printed November 11, 1973

Drinking Problem Noticed on Hill

By JOHN NAVARRE

With the advent of houseparties this weekend, the drinking constitutes a serious problem. Some feel the widespread Donald Muilenberg,

To the Editor:

The implementation of seperate housing for Black and Latin students must be prevented. We have always assumed that a major criterion for admission to these colleges is the contribution that students make to this college community. If these colleges allow separate housing based on groups (whether racial, religious, or economic) the contribution of thesegroups to the entire college community will be greatly diminished. Included in these groups are the students who disappear into restrictive fraternities. The education of every student suffers if such segregation is allowed to occur.

The prohibition of segregation is not synonymous with forced integration. The cry of forced integration is invalid in a situation where students can choose their own roommates.

By voting in favor of guaranteeing Black and Latin women seperate housing, the Kirkland Assembly had committed a racist act. If it is racism for Whites to exclude Blacks, then it is also racism for Blacks to exclude Whites. Thus the term "reverse racism" is meaningless, since racism knows no direction. The Kirkland Assembly is not taking a step toward a free society by this action, but is retreating from it.

The Hamilton Student Senate must not simply withold endorsement of the Kirkland Assembly's resolution, but must censure this resolution as racism.

Daniel F. Becker '77
Stuart M. Berlin '77
James R. Harwood '77

Printed May 3, 1974

Drinking Reported Down

This is the second installment of a series on drinking at the colleges.

By JOHN NAVARRE

As the most consistent observers of drinking on the Hill, the Pub bartenders would know if problem drinking is indeed a problem on the colleges.

The Pub bartenders report that drinking is down this year from last, the crowd at the Pub is less

only bar takes longer to fill up these days. If there are very heavy drinkers at the Pub, it appears that they are fairly quiet ones.

However, the bartenders also report that about half the beer sales now are six-packs, many of which are consumed in students' rooms, not the Pub.

It is Wednesday night. The people are scattered about the tables at the Pub talking quietly. Bruce Bennett, a bartender in the Pub, is responding to a

Printed September 18, 1974

For Sale:

A golden bicycle, possibly a Schwinn, though the make is not easily discerned. Runs great, particularly down the Hill. We promise, it's totally a coincidence.

Printed April 18, 1974

Handicapped Student Turned Away

Printed September 15, 1976

By ROBERT MILLER

Mary McKnew '77 didn't really believe that any further disappointment could possibly follow the series of tragedies which 1975 held for her. But there was one more letdown.

Mary McKnew's experiences during the past thirteen months read like the plot-summary for a television soap opera. In January 1975, Mary lost her boyfriend Calvin Kebernick '77 in the auto accident from which she emerged paralyzed from the waist down. Already fatherless, Mary's mother died of cancer in July of last year. In addition, Mary is pursuing legal action against New Jersey State Highway Administration for failing to have proper safety guards at the scene of the fatal and crippling accident and against Kebernick's insurance company for not paying damages.

But instead of lapsing into chronic despair, Mary has mustered the will and the confidence to pick up her life where she left it and has tried to return to Kirkland College. Kirkland has proven an obstacle, not an aid, to Mary's return to normal life: the administration has refused to re-admit her as a matriculating student at this time.

Last semester, after three months of hospitalization and seven months of work and training at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Mary and her doctor believed she was ready and able to "return to a normal life." However, Kirkland has not allowed Mary to return as a student at this time, citing her present lack of physical capabilities on a campus which has no special facilities for parapelegics.

Now At Georgetown

Mary is now attending Georgetown University, which also has no special facilities for the handicapped, and she calls Kirkland's action discriminatory.

"I am being discriminated against," said Mary in a personal interview last week. "I am an imperfect human being, and Kirkland does not want to have anything to do with me for that reason alone."

The decision to bar Mary's attendance here was made after Mary had re-applied to Kirkland, after she had pre-registered for second semester courses and after she had received a second bill for spring term payments. The decision was made jointly by six administrators: Dean of Student Affairs Jane Poller, Medical Director William Klingensmith, Director of Residence Eleanor Scott, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Margaret Townsend, Director of Institutional Affairs William Jamison, and Controller Ronald

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Mary McKnew

March to Tibet Part One: Heading Out

by Matthew Gordon '09
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

I am currently studying abroad in the Tibetan community of Dharamsala, India, and recently took part in "The Return March to Tibet," a peaceful action in which hundreds of monks are planning to walk back to Tibet and continue the non violent movement for a Free Tibet once inside.

I am writing about my experiences for two reasons. The first is that accurate information is hard to find, especially from overseas due to the Chinese locking the international media out of Tibet and preventing much information from receiving coverage all over the world. I have a first and second hand perspective on many of the events that have transpired over the past two weeks. Secondly, it is often easy to read of events on the other side of the world and either feel helpless or unmotivated to do anything about them. We feel unaffected by protests and violent crackdowns in remote regions of the world. This changes if you somehow feel connected to the struggle. I am an average kid from an average town in Connecticut, someone that many of you can relate to. I hope to put a face on this struggle and make it harder for you to ignore.

In August, Beijing will host the Summer Olympics in what it hopes will legitimize China as a world power. Tibetan activists see this as an opportunity to put a spotlight on their cause and show that China has not changed with regards to human rights in Tibet. Five NGOs in Dharamsala, home of the Dalai Lama and Tibetan government in exile, organized the "Return March to Tibet" hoping to arrive in Tibet at the time of the Olympics, putting pressure on China to live up to their promises of allowing increased freedom while they are in the world's spotlight. This march left from Dharamsala on March 10, the 49th anniversary of a failed uprising inside Tibet.

Towards the back of the march were hundreds of supporters, Westerners and Tibetans alike, screaming slogans and holding banners. Towards the front were 100 core marchers, mostly monks, wearing orange hats and holding pictures of the Dalai Lama or Mahatma Gandhi or both. They walked in silence. They were in it for the long haul; they have all signed forms committing themselves to non-violence and saying that no matter what, they will not stop until they reach Tibet. The photos of Gandhi were both a tribute to India for supporting them and also a statement that this is their Salt March. They hope to do for Tibet what he did for India. At the very front is Tenzin Tsundue, a fiery activist who wears a red headband which he will not take off until Tibet is free. He is the mastermind behind the march.

That night, after a large rally, most of the support marchers left. Only about 20 Westerners remained. I was planning to leave the next day to spend my spring break in Kashmir. Then the Indian police showed up at our camp.

India and China have a complicated relationship, as they both battle to be the next huge Asian power. China has the lead, however, and India will go out of its way to avoid antagonizing its powerful neighbor. There are several border disputes and due to pressure from China, India does not recognize Tibetans as refugees and has been forced to take several other diplomatic moves with respect to Tibet. Therefore, it was expected that China would try to force India to stop the march before they reached the border but unexpected that it would happen so soon. After long negotiations, the Indian police issued a restraining order, based upon a technicality, which said that we were not allowed to leave the district. Tibetans do not have Indian citizenship and therefore are not technically allowed to hold political demonstrations. The next day however, the march started off straight for the border.

This is about when I realized I was not going to Kashmir. After all, what better way to see India than to go on a true Gandhi march? The most important thing I have learned about traveling is not to be solid with plans and to take opportunities as they come up. I felt this one calling me.

During this time I became very close to many of the monks and core marchers. There was a huge range of personalities amongst them, from one older man named Dhondup, who constantly swore at the Indian police for trying to stop us, to the monks, many of whom felt no anger towards the police, or even the Chinese government, as Buddhism teaches freedom from afflictive emotions, such as anger. None of them ever admitted to being tired or sore, despite the fact that they walked in sandals or loafers, and I could see blisters forming. I wrote down some of the quotes that really stood out to me and exemplified the characteristics of many of the monks I met.

"Everyone has to die someday. I have been lucky enough to see the Dalai Lama. Many Tibetans die without this opportunity so that is enough. If I die while attempting this job, it would be okay."

"I am only one person, I am not afraid to give my life to save a greater number of Tibetans."

"Even if I was the only one left on this march, I'd keep going. I made a vow never to go back to Dharamsala. In three months, we'll either be in jail or on the way to Tibet. Those are the only two options."

"I think there is a 90 percent chance I will be killed at the border, but that's not a problem because it will benefit the rest of Tibetans."

Over the next three days, we slept in the dirt, with the flies and next to piles of cow dung, while choking on dust and exhaust fumes. We never showered. We also talked about our lives, politics, and philosophy, all the ingredients for intense bonding to take place. We also began to receive news from inside Tibet and all over the world about the massive courageous protests taking place. In many places, and especially inside Tibet, these protests were disrupted violently. Occasionally the leaders of the march would get a call from inside Tibet. We heard horror stories of Chinese brutality and monks burning or cutting themselves attempting suicide in front of hundreds of Chinese troops. We were among the first to see the pictures of brutality taken on cell phones by monks inside Tibet and sent to the outside world in a plea for help.

This is the first of a three part series chronicling Matthew Gordon's experience on the front lines of the Tibetan Resistance movement. If you want to get involved in support for Tibet, visit www.tibetanuprising.org, *email* action@hamilton.edu, *or come to the Action Forum on Wednesday, April 9th at 9pm in the Red Pit.*

MATTHEW GORDON '09

Starting the journey on the march to Tibet.

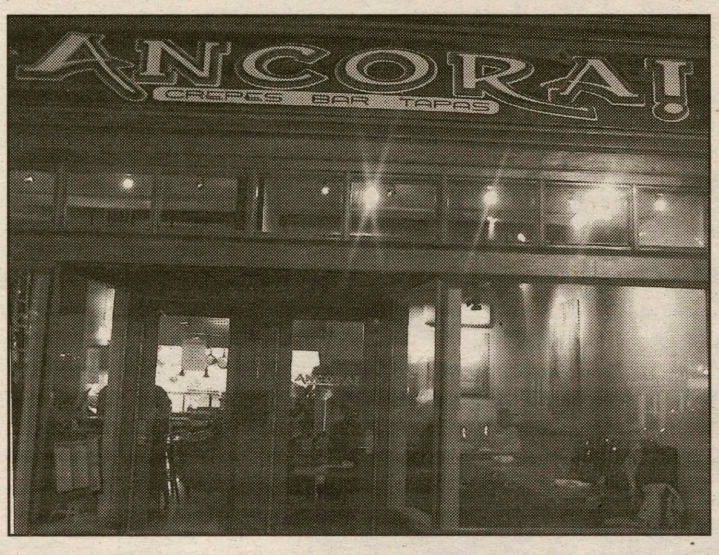
Stuff Hamilton Students Like:

by Sarah Cornblath '08 & Anthony DelConte '10

1. Winter footwear.
2. Black Northface jackets.
3. Keystone light.
4. Pretending not to like Keystone light.
5. Complaining about the administration.
6. Showing off how smart they are.
7. Driving 35 miles an hour in the parking lot.
8. Marijuana.
9. Alternate names for marijuana.
10. Reminiscing about Class and Charter Day.
11. Reminiscing about every party you have ever been to.
12. Pretending to be worldly/well traveled.
13. The 5-year plan.
14. Daytime drinking.
15. Using the word "bro" or some variation thereof.
16. Complaining about the weather.
17. Complaining about everything.
18. "Liberal" causes.
19. Fitness.
20. Being politically correct.
21. Using the term "Campus-Po."
22. Nepotism.
23. Hiding our elitism.
24. Charity through materialism.
25. Summers in the Hamptons.

Hautelife: Haute-Dining at Utica's Ancora Restaurant

by Nonny Chizea'08
Fashion Columnist & Restaurant Reviewer



"Utica, Utica, Oh Utica!" Those are the most popular words that convey many people's feelings about our neighboring city of Utica, NY. Over the years Utica has built up quite the reputation as a city of many troubles. Fortunately, there are many business owners in the area who still believe in Utica and are working very hard to make the city grow culturally. One of them is Jason Nole, Owner and Head Chef of *Ancora! Crepes, Bar and Tapas.* Ancora is Italian for "encore."

"By opening up *Ancora!* in Utica, my brother Dean and I wanted to add something fresh to the area." Nole said.

Walking into *Ancora!* diners enter a metropolitan, rustic and romantic dining area with dim lighting. The floors are made of mahogany hard wood and the chairs are black wood with black seat cushions paired with mahogany hard wood tables. There is a booth-like area where the back cushions are made of black and tan long stripes and facing diners sit on chairs. The bar area has black tall chairs and welcomes drinkers with a wide variety of beverages.

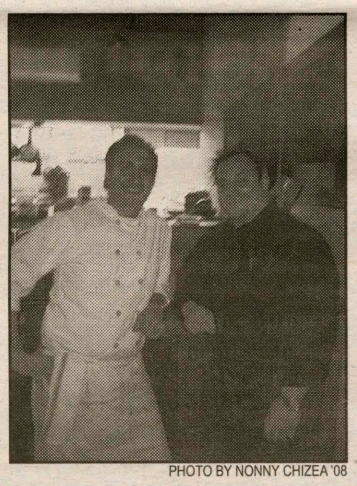
"I did not want to go for the uptight, white table cloth feel for the dining room when I was decorating the restaurant," Nole said. "I wanted diners to enjoy a very free and loose atmosphere and sit close to each other."

On the walls of *Ancora!* you will find oil paintings by employee Victor Lenuzza. Lenuzza, a Utica native, graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Illustration.

"I started working at *Ancora!* and the walls were bare. I asked if I could do some paintings and Jason agreed." Lenuzza said.

Lenuzza has a total of eight works in Ancora and with each work he worked with bright colors and light in order to blend with the dim interior of the restaurant.

Opened in February 2006, the rustic Spanish and Italian style restaurant welcomes a very wide age range of diners from students to the elderly. I have dined at *Ancora!* many times with my two dear friends Elizabeth Clattenburg '08 and Addie Schoen '08 and can honestly say that the locals are friendly, warm and the meals are very delicious. *Ancora!* offers an escape to a miniature Manhattan- style restaurant and the staff is very friendly. Below are some questions that I asked Jason Nole, Paul Calogero, Victor Lenuzza and visiting diner Sarah Hicks. Following the questions are some selections from the menu. Enjoy!



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Owner and Head Chef Jason Nole and Paul Calegero

Speaking with Owner and Head Chef Jason Nole

NC: Where were you born?
JN: I was born and raised in Whitesboro, NY and my wife Kristy graduated from Hamilton in 1999. Kristy Nole graduated with a degree in Mathematics and Economics. She is currently the Vice President of Marketing at First Source Federal Credit Union in New Hartford.

NC: How did you go about opening Ancora! and did you attend culinary school?
JP: My brother Dean and I wanted to do something different for the area so we decided on *Ancora!* Dean studied in Italy and he is a pastry chef. We went to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, we have worked in Boston, and we travel out west to get culinary ideas. We also own and operate *Café CaNole* for 12 years now.

NC: What do you love about your restaurant?
JP: I love the fact that I have an open kitchen and we are located next to the Stanley Theatre. Just as you perform on stage, the kitchen is my stage.

NC: What was the toughest part of opening Ancora!?
JP: The toughest part was opening right in the middle of the Stanley Theatre renovations. People did not know we were here and we relied heavily on word of mouth by our customers to get our name out. Starting up any business is a risk and we took that risk. Now that the Stanley Theatre is open (opening night was 3rd April 2008) business will get better.

NC: What is the most popular dish and drink from the menu?
JP: The most popular dish is the brick-pressed bistro chicken with parmesan risotto, pancetta and sautéed escarole. Our most popular drink is the pamma martini.

NC: What special services and drinks specials do you offer?
JP: We offer catering, private dinners, host private parties and rehearsal dinners for weddings. We also have drinks specials such as wine flights and different martinis such as the espresso martini.

NC: Starting on the 1st of May you will open for lunch again. Tell us about that.
JP: A lot of our customers called asking when and if we would re-open for lunch. So yes, we will re-open for lunch as we had to close due to the construction. The lunch menu consists of Insalatas such as the baby spinach salad with sliced white mushrooms, olives, hard cooked eggs, gorgonzola, & red onions, Zuppe (soups) which are prepared daily, Panini such as Ancora's "Cuban" which is shredded roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese with sliced kosher dill pickles and a lunch combo. We are also building a 12 X 35 ft outside patio area, which will be ready at the end of May.

PHOTO BY NONNY CHIZEA '08

Sarah Hicks, front right, dining with friends

Speaking with manager Paul Calogero and painter and staff member Victor Lenuzza

NC: What do you like about Ancora?
PC: I love the atmosphere, the customers and meeting new people. Working here is like one big family because we all work well together. Jason is an awesome guy to work with and I have learned so much about food since I came to *Ancora!*
VL: It is a great atmosphere and the restaurant runs like a machine.

NC: What are your favorites from the menu?
PC: I like the lobster paella for my entrée, crème brulée for dessert and the blueberry vodka and cranberry juice.
VL: I like the sautéed shrimp with red chili peppers, diced tomatoes with parmesan risotto for my entrée, and of course for desert; crème brulée.

NC: Why should students come to Ancora?
PC: I think they should come and experience a different atmosphere other than college life. There is great art work and great food so it is like one big cultural explosion.
VL: There are different varieties of food choices from sushi (on Saturdays) to crepes on the menu. You can eat cheaply too.

Speaking with Sarah Hicks and Friends

NC: What brought you and your friends to Ancora!?
SH: We usually come to Utica about three times a year on business. We are staying at Hotel Utica and were looking for a place within walking distance and the hotel staff highly recommended *Ancora!* so we made our way here.

NC: What do you like from the menu?
SH: I like the Gnocchi Pomodoro with torn basil & grated parmesan.

NC: How would you describe your dining experience?
SH: The staff is very attentive and the meal was very delicious. I highly recommend *Ancora!* and will come back again.

Delectable delights from the menu

Tapas & Panini

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The bar at Utica's Ancora

-Gorgonzola potatoes with caramelized onions & bacon
-Prosciutto Panini: fresh mozzarella, basil, extra virgin olive oil on Italian bread

Appetizers & Salads
-Arugula salad with smokey bacon vinaigrette, walnuts, gorgonzola cheese and pears
-Beef Carpaccio served over Tuscan white beans with shaved parmesan, mustard aioli & arugula
-Crispy fried calamari with horseradish tomato cocktail sauce (my favorite)

Entrées
-Flat Iron Steak with a goat cheese bruchetta, sliced tomatoes, arugula salad and truffuled potatoes (Addie's favorite)
-Shrimp aglio e olio with capellini pasta tossed with extra virgin olive oil, fresh grapevine ripened tomatoes, torn basil, shaves basil and toasted bread crumbs (Elizabeth's & I's favorite)

Desserts
-Bananas Foster; *Ancora!* signature crepe with vanilla gelato, caramel sauce, and whipped cream
-Baci di *Ancora!;* chocolate/hazelnut crepe with nutella filling and toasted almond gelato

Sushi Menu on Saturdays
-Crab roll
-Vegetarian role

Behind the scenes with Thomas Tull '92

by David Sadove '10
Features Editor

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Thomas Tull has come a long way since he graduated Hamilton in 1992. The founder, Chairman, and CEO of Legendary Pictures will be giving a presentation on April 17. Tull's journey from College Hill Road to Sunset Boulevard was fueled by hard work and perseverance. He became involved in private equity in the late 1990s. His first major success came with the establishment of Red Storm Entertainment, which created games based on Tom Clancy's works. A chance meeting with the head of a major film studio at a dinner informed Mr. Tull of the "haywire" state of the financial structure of the movie industry, and that began an enormously successful career. But Thomas Tull's story begins far from Hollywood.

From humble beginnings in upstate New York, Tull initially found the Hamilton environment to be a "culture shock." Tull embraced the rigorous academic environment of the school. He was proud to go to school here, and became immersed in the rigorous academic culture. A government major with a minor in history, Tull gained inspiration from his professors, crediting Professor Kelly in History and Kurfurst in Government. His experiences at Hamilton helped him develop the "ability to think critically, communicate, and learn from a diverse set of people." Tull left Hamilton "well-rounded and well-read."

After realizing the flawed structure of movie financing, Thomas Tull formulated a plan to bridge private equity with the major studios. Tull thought that, "if the deal were fair," private equity would be eager to partner with movie studios. Legendary Pictures was born out of this concept. He presented a business plan to Warner Brothers. Warner understood the concept of partnership, and a deal was struck for $600 million in the first round of capital. This was back in 2005. Today, that partnership has taken in an additional $1 billion of funding from "blue chip" private equity sources. Tull's previous experience in private equity allows him to remain, "sensitive to things that private equity is looking for."

The success of Legendary Pictures can be attributed to the attention that is given to individual films. Each film is treated as an individual startup company. The success is clear. I saw "Batman Begins" twice in theaters, and last year's Bundy parties hold memories of people yelling quotes from 300's King Leonidas. How do heroes from Gotham, Metropolis and Sparta find their way to Burbank? Tull says, "Legendary does not start out to make Batman 6." Instead, Legendary worked to create a compelling, character-driven plot that translated to a great movie. Legendary focuses on a specific film, and works to create a product that is "commercial," and "a step above in execution." This is accomplished by establishing very close relationships with directors. Indeed, the structure of Legendary Pictures provides for an environment that is extremely director focused. Legendary's director credits include Christopher Nolan for "Batman Begins" and Bryan Singer for "Superman Returns." Tull, a self described "movie geek" since childhood, views his work with the directors as a privilege, and he is confident that everyone at Legendary Pictures truly loves movies. He speaks passionately of his company's movies, a big fan himself of 300 and Batman Begins.

What does the future hold for Legendary Pictures? When asked about the effect that the current economic situation might have on the industry, Tull responded, "In the past, the entertainment industry has proven to be recession-proof." There are other factors that need to be considered. In the past, movies only competed with one another; today's media landscape is saturated with limitless entertainment choices. "In order to rise above the noise, one must consider all aspects of the landscape. Is the next Madden game being released on the same day as the movie?" Creating movies that people want to see is key in remaining competitive. Several film projects on the horizon include "Akira" and "Clash of the Titans."

Mr. Tull's presence in the entertainment industry extends beyond movies to interactive media. He is the co-founder of Brash Entertainment. When asked if video games would surpass movies as the dominant form of entertainment, he responded, "Video games are another way to tell stories. They are an immersive experience. I am amazed at the connectivity. People are playing on Xbox all over the world. Video games are this generation's rock and roll." His love of video games is apparent when he speaks of one upcoming "Legendary" project, a film adaptation of the popular game, "Warcraft." Tull is especially passionate about this project. A fan of "Lord of the Rings," he was impressed by the rich lore behind "Warcraft." Previous film adaptations of popular video games have tanked at the box office, and some might cringe at the thought of another film adaptation. Tull is confident that, "by using the lore behind 'Warcraft' as a starting point, you have the basis for a great movie."

Thomas Tull is very excited about returning to Hamilton. He is grateful for the education he received here, and offers the following advice to those students interested in the entertainment industry. "This is a very competitive business. Everybody has the dream of making it in Hollywood. Put your toe in the water. You have to be passionate about it. I am proof that you can come from nowhere and have an impact."

Finally, I asked if he could tell me anything about "The Dark Knight," the highly anticipated sequel to "Batman Begins," He answered like a teaser trailer on the silver screen, "We may have something fun to show at the Thursday night event…"

Lotions & Potions: Getting a summer glow

by Elizabeth Kosar'10
Beauty Columnist

The other day a friend of mine yelled at me for not wearing "SPRING COLORS." I was clad in a long-sleeved shirt and jeans, yes, but I wasn't that dreary. In fact I was actually doing a service to the rest of the campus by refusing to expose my pale, pasty limbs. See here's the thing- with my part Irish, part Czech heritage I'm a REALLY white girl. As in there are parts of my body that are comparable to sheets of paper. It's gross, especially after a long winter. But since I'm not going to keep my body covered up for the entire warm season, I must resort to sunless tanning.

Yes, I could learn to love my pale skin, à la Anne Hathaway or Nicole Kidman. But honestly, I'm too much of a sucker to do that. So here are my sunless tanning tips and suggestions...

1. **Exfoliate**-This is so key. I mean honestly it makes sense. If you don't get the dead flakey skin off, it will absorb all the color and you'll have a weird camouflage-style tan.

2. **Put lotion on ankles, knees, elbows and any other dry spots**.- Again this goes with the whole smooth, natural look.

3.

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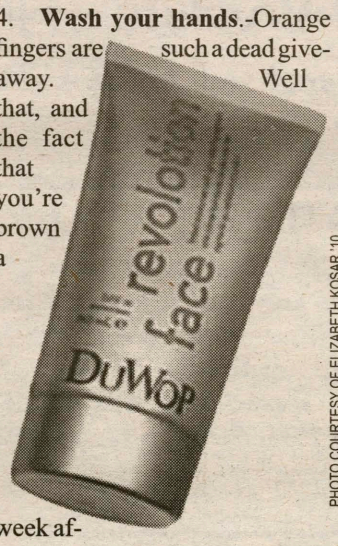
Start from your feet.-This is so when you bend over you don't get tanner in the bends/folds of your body. No matter how skinny you are, you have got to bend somewhere.

4. **Wash your hands**.-Orange fingers are such a dead give-away. Well that, and the fact that you're brown a week after the sun came out.



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The Products:

Jergens Natural Glow Lotion-This stuff is really popular because you can build a tan which is good for someone like me who is basically guaranteed to screw up the process and wind up with big splotches all over her arms.

DuWop Revolotion-This is actually body makeup, but it also has sunscreen in it. It really doesn't rub off on clothes. This is when you realize that the dress you're wearing really needs a tan to go with it and there isn't time for anything else. Other than that, I think wearing body makeup is a little…odd.

Lancome Soleil Flash Bronzer Mousse-Expensive, but worth it. This stuff has always worked on me and I think it smells good to boot. It's tinted so it's hard to make a mistake and slightly shimmery just for fun.

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From Hamilton to Hollywood

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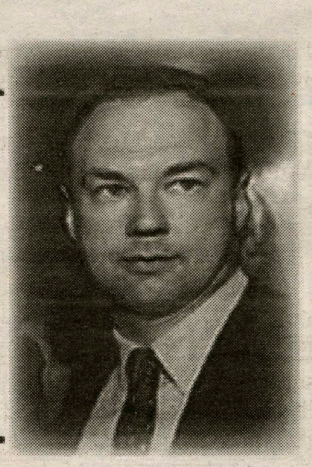
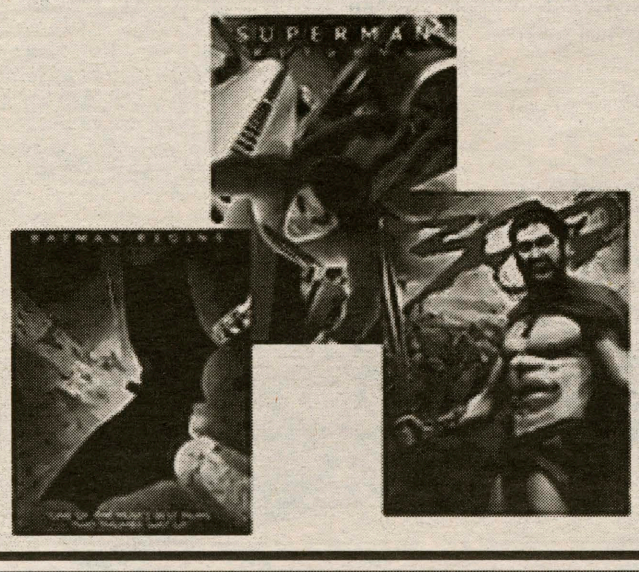
that changed the market structure of the Film Industry in 2005!

Lunch will be provided.

THOMAS TULL '92

(Executive Producer) is the founder, Chairman and CEO of Legendary Pictures, a private equity backed film production company with over 1.5 billion dollars in total financing. Legendary Pictures recently re-upped its five-year deal through which it will co-produce and co-finance films with Warner Bros. Pictures. Since its inception in 2005, Legendary has joined with Warner Bros. to make such successful films as, "Batman Begins," "Superman Returns" and, most recently, the blockbuster "300." Their impending projects include the new Batman installment, "The Dark Knight," and Roland Emmerich's "10,000 BC." Mr. Tull is also a co-founder and Vice Chairman of the video game publisher Brash Entertainment.





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Batman Begins • Saturday, April 12 • 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.
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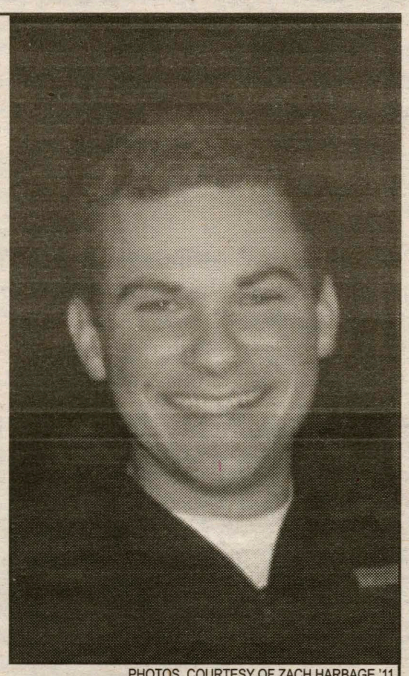
Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Zach Harbage '11



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Age: 19
Eye Color: Green
Height: 5'7"
Sign: Virgo
Hometown: Weston, CT
Major: Neuroscience or Psychology
On Campus Activities: Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Working Out, Squash.
Interested In: Girls that are down to earth that like to be active and have a good time.
What You Are Looking For Now: Dating or Friendships.

Ideal Date:

On Campus: Picnic in the Glenn.
Off Campus: Dinner on a summer night at Splach a restaurant that overlooks the beach near my house, followed by a walk on the beach

Turn Ons: a nice smile, good sense of humor, "hug bumps," active personality, confidence, girls who look cute no matter when you see them.
Turn Offs: Too much make-up and a sense of entitlement.

Dating Deal Makers: Girls who come off confident, funny, enjoy the good times, and can keep conversations going.
Dating Deal Breakers: Really quiet and shy girls who either say nothing or rag on themselves.

Favorites

Place On Campus: Opus 2
Exercise At The Gym: Pull-ups
Gift to give: Laughter
Gift to get: Music
Song: "Hook" by Blues Traveler
Book: *Scar Tissue* by Anthony Kiedis
Movie: Lord of War
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "No Rain" by Blind Melon
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Super Troopers
Celeb Crush: Natasha Bedingfield
Breakfast: Eggs and Coffee
Sitcom: Rescue Me
Quote: "For he who gets hurt is he who has stalled...for the times they are a changing" - Bob Dylan

If I were an animal I would be: A manatee so when I squash my face on the window of an aquarium people will watch me hundreds of thousands of times on Youtube.

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to: I would go home and be with my friends. Without my friends, I wouldn't be who I am, let alone where I am.

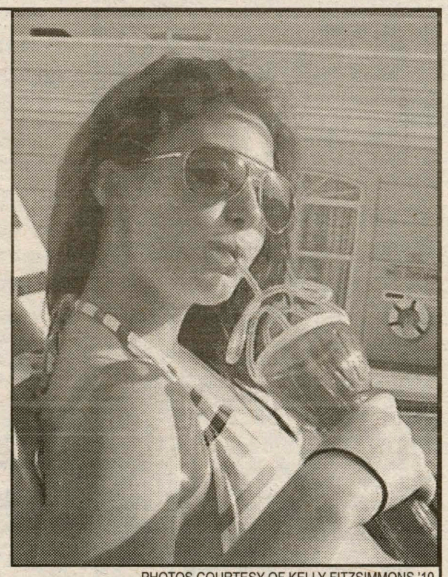
If I were a character from English lit, I would be: I would be Nick Carraway from The Great Gatsby because while he is an honest, hard working, fair man he is not perfect. He is also one of the few characters in the book that understands Gatsby for his goodness. I feel that Nick's sensitivity and character are important aspects that I try to exhibit in my own life.

The best pick-up line I have used: "If Thanksgiving was the right leg and Christmas was the left leg. What do you say we spend some time between the holidays?"
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "The only thing your eyes haven't told me is your name."

If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:

A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other: An option that doesn't involve either of us eventually getting eaten by the bear! Duh…

Kelly Fitzsimmons '10



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Age: 19
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 5'8"
Sign: Cancer
Hometown: Glenmont, NY
Major: Biology
On Campus Activities: Varsity Softball
Interested In: Men
What You Are Looking For Now: A little bit of love.

Ideal Date:

On Campus: Salamander hunting in the glen followed by a horror movie.
Off Campus: Little Caesar's.

Turn Ons: Herpetology, Diablo II, hotpants, sports, unkempt appearances.
Turn Offs: Shortness, freckles, grizzly mint tobacco, children, brutal birds, messy facial hair.

Dating Deal Makers: Impromptu song and dance.
Dating Deal Breakers: Boring Conversation, secret engagements, stids.

Favorites

Place On Campus: Opus
Exercise At The Gym: Gutbusters
Gift to give: No-bake pumpkin cheesecake
Gift to get: Caffeinated bevs and pump muffs
Song: "O Valencia!" by The Decemberists
Book: A Sand County Almanac
Movie: Saw, The Ring, Little Mermaid
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "Nothing in This World" by Paris Hilton
Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Masters of the Universe, Mortal Kombat, My Neighbor Totoro
Celeb Crush: Gambit.
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs.
Sitcom: Seinfeld
Quote: "The night is mine!" - Bill Pfitsch

If I were an animal I would be: WOMBAT!

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to: Kokomo, because I could sing the song and it would be real.

If I were a character from English lit, I would be: Miss Havisham. LOL spontaneous combustion.

The best pick-up line I have used: "Are you a ghost?"
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "YOU LOOK GOOD!"

If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:

A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other: Use my knowledge of ecology to determine the area where bear survivorship is lowest…wait for its demise.

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Compiled by Erin Hoener, Managing Editor

Weekly Charts

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Accelerate - R.E.M.
2. Last Night - Moby
3. Troubadour - George Strait
4. Attack & Release - The Black Keys
5. Saturday Nights & Sunday Mornings - Counting Crows

Top Songs
1. 4 Minutes - Madonna (feat. Justin Timberlake and Timbaland)
2. Bleeding Love - Leona Lewis
3. Touch My Body - Mariah Carey
4. Lollipop - Lil Wayne
5. No Air - Jordin Sparks & Chris Brown

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Movies)
1. 21
2. Nim's Island
3. Leatherheads
4. Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who
5. The Ruins
6. Superhero Movie
7. Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns
8. Drillbit Taylor
9. Shutter
10. 10,000 B.C.

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. NINETEEN MINUTES, by Jodi Picoult
2. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
3. THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL, by Philippa Gregory
4. THE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB, by Kate Jacobs
5. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
2. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. THE AUDACITY OF HOPE, by Barack Obama
4. JOHN ADAMS, by David McCullough
5. DREAMS FROM MY FATHER, by Barack Obama

Atlantic call from London: Do you accept?

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

London has always been a hot place for the latest fashions and music. Even though the city is only six hours away, a lot of water separates the U.S. from all those new bands. Below is a list of some of the most popular British bands currently heard around London.

Blondelle: An electric-power-pop-punk four-piece band that comprises childhood friends Will Cameron Jr., Sam Stewart, Rory O'Donnell, and Mike Deegan. They are currently touring the U.S. The band sounds roughly like Of Montreal.

Hot Chip: Their experimental-pop single "Ready for the Floor" from their third album *Made in the Dark* (released this February) is creating frenzy in clubs all over Britain. The YouTube video for this single is also highly amusing (lead singer Alex Taylor dresses as his alter ego the Joker). The band is known for their live performances in which they reinvent their songs, creating completely different sounds.

Bombay Bicycle Club: This indie high school band from North London is making a definite name for themselves with their sharp lyrics. As the band notes, it's not easy first starting out in the music world: "They weren't allowed to enter the school's Battle of the Bands (some kids from the year above wouldn't let them), and they didn't get through the first heat of the school talent competition (passed over in favour of a juggler). Still, they managed to play a couple of scuzzy London venues, and made some demos in Jack's front room and Jamie's basement, and entered these into the Road to V competition."

Mystery Jets: Their second album *Twenty-One* was just released March 24, featuring their singles "Flake" and "Young Love" (feat. Laura Marling). The 80's-esque power-pop indie five piece band is rapidly picking up interest across the country.

Laura Marling: A stunning 18 year old folk star whose debut album *Alas, I Cannot Swim* was released this February. Her low smoky voice and dark lyrics create an intimate relationship with listeners.

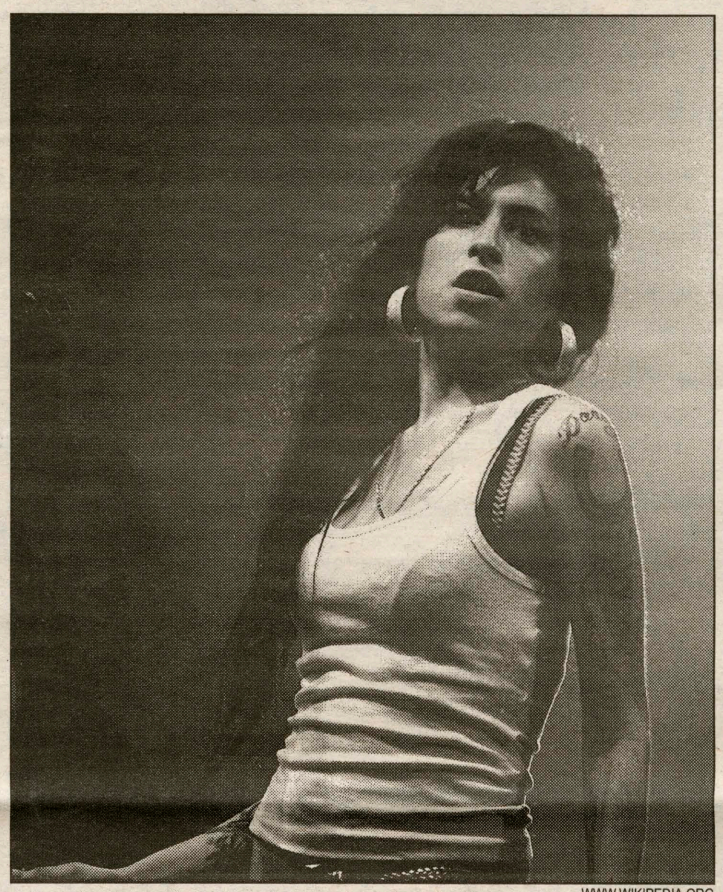
The Ting Tings: An indie-electronic duo (Jules de Martino (drums, vocals) and Katie White (vocals, guitar, bass drum) who got recognition for their electric-pop singles "That's Not My Name" and "Fruit Machine." Switching between hauntingly sweet singing and blunt rapping, The Ting Tings keep listeners on their toes. Their latest single, "Great DJ" is their first major single. Their first album *We Started Nothing* is set to be released in May.

Bat for Lashes: Natasha Khan, as written before, is known for her haunting melodic songs and amazing stage performances. Slightly reminiscent of Yoko Ono, Natasha is quickly becoming well-known in the U.S.

Lily Allen: A bouncy ska-pop singer-songwriter with hilariously biting lyrics best known for her singles "Smile" and "LDN." She also hosts her own BBC Three show entitled *Lily Allen and Friends*. In 2007 her debut album *Alright, Still* was nominated for Best British Album, and she was nominated as Best New Artist on MTV's Video Music Award. She is currently nominated for a 2008 Grammy Award as "Best Alternative Music Album."

The Go! Team: Brighton based six-piece band that wears clothes to match their hip-hop cheerleader style. Their songs are a combination of action theme songs, cheerleader chants, and hip-hop. Ian Parton conceived the band after wanting to combine his favorite things: Sonic Youth guitar, double dutch chants, and car chase horn music. Their first full-length album, *Thunder, Lightening, Strike* (recorded in Parton's parents' kitchen), lead to widespread critical acclaim. Their latest single is "Grip Like a Vice" from their sophomore album *Proof of Youth*.

Amy Winehouse: Well known in the U.S. already, Amy's deep, scratchy voice and sharp commentary lyrics have definitely made her a star. Her music, a combination of R&B, soul, and jazz, has received numerous awards; her 2006 album *Back to Black* won 5 Grammy's (she became the first British singer to do so).



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***Back to Black* won multiple Grammy's in 2008.**

A new tool for musicians: urSESSION

by Zachary Haluza '11
Arts & Entertainment Writer

If any musician or band wants to gain a foothold in the mainstream or at least make their music available to a wider audience, the Internet invariably becomes an option. The most widely used website for this purpose has been MySpace, which has led to the popularity of artists such as the Arctic Monkeys. However, a problem for unsigned musicians is that Myspace's music section is largely dominated by major-label artists, thus making it more difficult for them to gain recognition outside their local fan-base.

A new website, ursession.com, is trying to solve this problem by creating a community primarily for unsigned artists and music fans. Created by Shavo Odadjian, bassist of System of a Down and member of the newly-created Achozen, and hip hop duo Sway and Tech, the beta version of urSESSION launched January 31 of this year.

In an interview with the Artisan News Service, Odadjian described urSESSION as "an artist-finder", and stated that he felt it would "make a dent in the music industry…hopefully others follow and more righteous stuff comes out, instead of just regurgitated music, like what's happening in the world right now, of the dead music industry."

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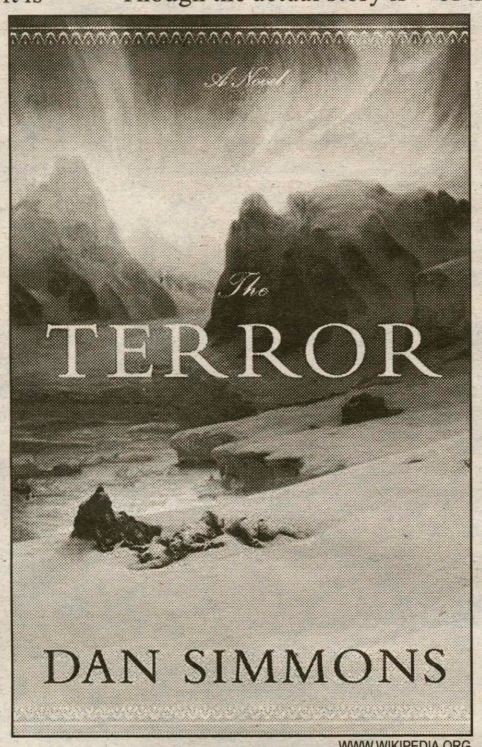
urSESSION visitors have the opportunity to create a profile as either a fan or artist. Besides the general artist profiles, members can also participate in auditions and sessions. Auditions are essentially audio or video clips posted by musicians to display their talent, which can then be rated and reviewed by others. Sessions are simply music videos uploaded by the artists. Additionally, once a member has submitted material to the Audition section of the site, members (artists and fans alike) can vote for those artists. When an artist has received 50,000 votes, they are evaluated by urSESSION Records, the site's online music label. If accepted, they can shoot a professional video, have their music distributed digitally as well as traditionally, and have shows and tours booked among many other benefits.

urSESSION is designed with the intentions of breathing new life into the music industry with new, unsigned artists, and presents an excellent platform for doing so. There are already nearly 5,000 artists using urSESSION, which is very promising, considering that the site has only been online for a few months. For anyone looking for new, original music, and especially for artists who want to increase their fanbase and have a chance at being signed by a record label, urSESSION provides an opportunity that simply cannot be overlooked.

Dan Simmons terrifies readers

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

For those of you who think that horror novels cannot provide the same chill factor as your average scary movie, it is time for you to pick up Dan Simmons' The Terror. The story, set in the mid-1840's, follows the stranded crews of Sir John Franklin and Francis Crozier, whose ships were stranded on an iceberg in the Arctic Circle. Looking for the fabled Northwest Passage, the crews of the HMS Erebus and Terror are forced to overcome the worst conditions known to man over a three-year period. As the -50 degree weather sets in, the characters start to realize that rescue may never come. With a limited food supply and a diminishing stock of coal, both crews slowly succumb to the fact that they may die thousands of miles away from their homes. If this doesn't seem bad enough, the crew starts to see a massive creature stalking the ships. They first dismiss it as one of the large polar bears commonly seen around the icebergs, but find out that they were severely wrong. Known to the sailors as the "triangle-headed" monster, the beast slowly and methodically mauls its prey, mostly feasting on ranking officials aboard the ships.



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The cover of *The Terror*.

Though the actual story is fictional, the idea is based off of the missing 1843 expedition of the *HMS Erebus and Terror*. The crews of both ships never returned from the Arctic, and no evidence was ever found of what happened to them. Dan Simmons takes a sci-fi perspective on this 160-year old mystery, focusing on the character's views on the supernatual occurences on the iceberg. Each of the 67 chapters in this novel is from the eyes of a different sailor, all of which have different attitudes towards their hopeless situation.

The most remarkable part about *The Terror* is the amount of detail that Simmons goes into while telling his fateful story. Before writing his book, Simmons had to research the composition of 1800 exploration ships from top to bottom, as well as all the names of the sailors who left on the expedition. His knowledge of iceberg formations and weather conditions in the Arctic Circle is also very extensive. After reading the novel, you get the sense that you know exactly how the boat was constructed.

If you find yourself looking for a scare on a weeknight, and Saw V just won't do the trick, pick up a copy of Dan Simmons' The Terror. Stephen King , best-selling author of Carrie and Cujo, puts it best: "I am in awe of Dan Simmons."

Album of the week

by Tom Lewek '09
Arts & Entertainment Wrtier

On *Visiter*, the Dodos innovatively blend various, and often disparate, musical influences to achieve an accomplished sound. Formed in 2006, the San Francisco duo features the combination of a country-blues style guitar and West African percussion within a melodic pop structure. The compelling aspect of *Visiter*, however, remains the band's ability to manipulate these instruments in order to create a myriad of moods. On "Red and Purple," the energetic drums, coupled with the suggestive vocals, produce ecstatic soundscapes. Later, on "Fools," the drums and guitars pick up again to create a beautifully chaotic song at times reminiscent of Animal Collective. Yet, the Dodos immediately transform their sound into a cerebral and subdued one on the following "Joe's Waltz." As one reviewer comments, the transitions from mood to mood are so seamless that *Visiter* seems less like an album and more like one sprawling yet connected song. Allthese lucid turns reveal the musical versatility at the heart of the album. Although similar to such bands as Yeasayer, Caribou, and Vampire Weekend, the Dodos possess a novel element of distinction. Their music remains experimental yet infectious and, above all else, fascinating for the listener.

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The Dodos band members.

Deathcage returns: round 2!

by Kevin O'Connor '09 and Jacob Murray '09
Bracket Specialists

Due to the large support of Hamilton students, Deathcage is back for round two! The field has already been cut in half as the competition gets tougher. This week features 32 all new match-ups!

Bill Clinton def. Al Ham Pig
Ben Noble always said something about Clinton having a taste for pork.

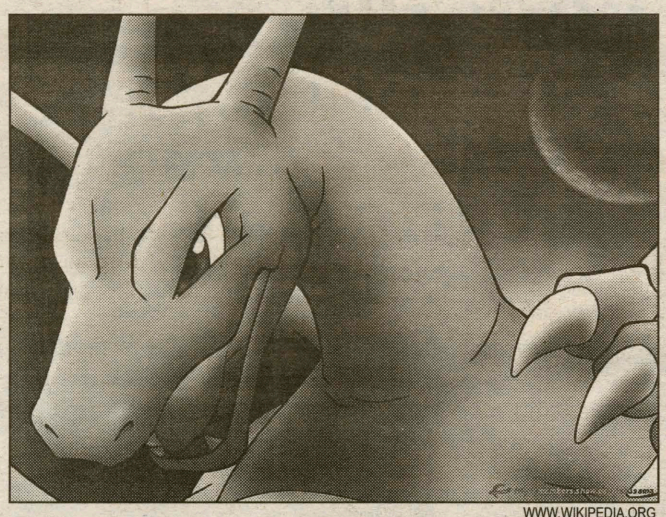
Wolverine def. Tiger Woods
Previous records suggest things might have turned out differently if this match were scheduled on a Sunday.

Indiana Jones def. Ann Coulter
What's one more Nazi when you're Indiana Jones?

Charizard def. John Locke
Pokemon Red was the better buy (it pwns blue and yellow, n00bs) and Charizard shows you why. Even the President on "Lost"/political philosopher cannot answer the brutal force of the 'Zard's flamethrower!

John Wayne def. Kathy Bates
Testosterone was flying in this battle of the titans but, ultimately, this Duke knows how to win in the second round.

James Bond def. Stacy's Mom
James Bond is no stranger to pulling one over on attractive women.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Charizard is the current vote-leader.

ManBearPig def. Reptar
Reptar proves to be as useless as the new Hill Card, as ManBearPig advances to the third round.

FEATURED MATCH: Loch Ness Monster def. Marlboro Man
Loch Ness Monster smoked the Marlboro man via an atypical class action lawsuit. Masculine icon of Americana be damned, at the Spec we call a win a win.

With only 32 warriors left, make sure to check your e-mail this Sunday in order to decide who will make it to the Sweet Deathteen! The tournament will continue until the end of the semester. Remember, your votes decide who will win, and you can vote as many times as you want! For the results, read the Arts & Entertainment section next Friday! If you have any suggestions for new characters, or comments on Deathcage, e-mail jdmurray!

Other Noteworthy Victories:
Moses def. Jay & Silent Bob
Atticus Finch def. Scrooge McDuck
Aragorn def. Arnold Schwarzenegger
Captain Hook def. Hamburglar
Sean Connery def. "Papi" Ortiz
Genghis Khan def. Janitor from Scrubs

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HORTON HEARS A WHO! — •12:15•2:20-4:25-6:30▲8:30 G
THE RUINS — •1:15•3:20-5:25-7:30▲9:35 R
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Is your Nalgene more dangerous than you thought?

by Nick Berry '09
Science & Technology Writer

In their search for a reusable, environmentally-friendly alternative to bottled water, students have made Nalgene bottles a staple on many college campuses nationwide; however, recent studies have raised concerns that a chemical used to make the bottles may pose health risks. Most Nalgene bottles are made from polycarbonate plastic, which is mostly comprised of bisphenol A (BPA). Research has shown that BPA, an endocrine disrupter that mimics the female hormone estrogen, can leak out of the plastic bottle and into its contents, which, if ingested, can potentially lead to myriad adverse health conditions.

A growing body of scientific studies indicate that exposure to low levels of BPA can cause a wide range of serious health problems in laboratory animals. BPA mimics estrogen, meaning that it can duplicate, block, or exaggerate hormonal responses. BPA has been linked to infertility, low sperm count, enlarged prostate, increased risk for breast and prostate cancer, and obesity. Studies have also found that BPA can lead to insulin resistance as well as damage to the pancreatic cells that produce insulin, which are both precursors to diabetes. Furthermore, research has shown that increased BPA blood levels in women correlate to increased ovarian dysfunction and incidence of miscarriage.

Because hormones are important for development, children and fetuses are particularly susceptible to BPA. Exposure to BPA has been shown to cause aneuploidy (the abnormal loss or gain of chromosomes), which can lead to Down syndrome and birth defects. It has also been linked to the premature onset of puberty and behavioral changes like hyperactivity. It is important to note that most of the studies described above involved the use of mice and the extent to which they can be applied to humans is still unclear, especially given the fact that some research suggests humans neutralize and excrete BPA much more rapidly than do mice. In addition, the few studies that have been conducted using human subjects have generally been relatively small. One paper published by 38 scientists after a government-sponsored conference found the lack of research on the effects of BPA on humans a concern worth further investigation.

The plastics industry disputes the alleged danger posed by BPA. Nalgene argues that there has been no demonstrated link between the effect of BPA on mice and on humans. According to BisphenolA.org, a plastic industry-funded website, the potential human exposure to BPA from polycarbonate plastic is minimal and poses no known risk to human health. Indeed, the total dietary intake of BPA from all food sources is 400 times lower than the maximum acceptable dose established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also maintains that BPA is safe. Moreover, a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) study on the impact of BPA on reproduction expressed negligible concern over BPA's effect on adult reproductive systems, although it did raise concerns over its impact on children and pregnant woman. In its own independent study, the European Commission's Scientific Committee on Food (SCF) found that normal exposure to BPA is 100 times less than its own acceptable limit.

Critics of BPA usage, however, counter that very low BPA doses, far beneath the levels currently deemed safe by regulatory agencies, have been shown to cause many of the harmful effects listed above.

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The Nalgene bottles that have become a staple on campus could pose a serious and worrying health risk.

They complain that the safety standards used by the EPA and FDA are based on toxicity studies in rats from the 1980s. In those studies, only very high doses of BPA were studied while the significantly lower doses used in today's studies were not explored. While conventional wisdom may dictate that high dosage safety translates to low dosage safety, scientists caution that, in hormone disruption, different doses can activate or suppress different genes. A high dosage may be safe, but low dosage can actually be very dangerous. This seems to be the case with BPA.

Critics also point out that studies funded by the plastic industry have been found to be either profoundly flawed or have exhibited outright fraud. One review found that 100 percent of industry studies (11 in all) found no harmful BPA effects while 90 percent of government funded studies (104 in all) found harmful BPA effects at the low doses found in humans. Based on this data, critics argue that the scientific

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What's On The Web?
TreeHugger.com

by Kate Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Rating: ⚗⚗⚗⚗
(out of 5 beakers)

At first, the name TreeHugger.com sounds a little extreme. Just because you avoid using Styrofoam and turn off the lights when you leave a room doesn't mean you're ready to be labeled a "tree hugger." Well, no worries. Just checking out TreeHugger.com doesn't mean you actually have to go hug a tree. Instead, the site encourages you to follow three simple steps: 1. Get Informed, 2. Interact, and last but certainly not least, 3. Take Action, which does not necessarily involve any tree hugging.

TreeHugger.com offers its audience plenty of resources for getting involved. There are a ton of interesting articles on the site, divided into categories. These categories, along with articles that are recommended and most popular, can be found on the homepage. Under the "Get Informed" section of the homepage you can find the categories, the first of which is labeled "TreeHugger (all)." This essentially takes you to a variation on the home page that has all of the articles.

The next category is Cars + Transportation. Here you can find articles on hybrid garbage trucks, bicycles being allowed on the high speed European train service between England, Paris, and Belgium, and putting lithium-ion batteries in the Chevy Malibu. The Science + Technology section similarly has articles on efficient energy plants, coral plants being harmed by global warming and bacteria, and a weekly article featuring a high school that has proven itself to be "green."

Next up is the Design + Architecture category which contains articles pertaining to things like practical cat food dishes made from recycled glass, ways to reinvent the cul-de-sac, and a proposed idea to make townhouses efficient. The seemingly out of place Culture + Celebrity section has articles dealing with things such as a recent poll that says Americans would rather have a cure to our energy situation than to cancer, a Weather Channel challenge for children to develop their best ideas on how to save animals, and the cool factor associated with "survivalism." The Travel + Nature section of TreeHugger.com focuses on things like the Isle of

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How to live green this spring

by Alyssa White '11
Science & Technology Writer

The snow has melted, the sun is shining, and it's 60 degrees outside—welcome to spring! It turns out that loving Mother Earth is downright easy when she's not making you slog home through a wintry mix. As you shove your winter boots to the back of the closet and break out those flip-flops, here are some ways that you can show her your appreciation.

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Participate in upcoming events:

Coming up this month are Earth Day on April 22 and Green Week from April 28 to May 2. On Earth Day, visit Commons at noon to learn how to eat in an environmentally friendly manner; throughout Green Week, participate in a variety of Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG)-sponsored events.

Resist the urge to splurge:

The Gap's "essential" spring dresses are tempting, but American over-consumption is a huge problem as far as environmental health and justice are concerned. It depletes natural resources, and it allocates an unfair portion of them to the production of blue jeans as opposed to the growing of food for more heavily populated countries like China, India, and Africa. As the saying goes, "Live simply, that all may simply live." Recycle your shorts and skirts from last summer instead of buying a whole new wardrobe.

Close your window:

Unfortunately, airing out your dorm tells Hamilton's heating system to send even more heat to your room. Burning heating fuel creates 27 percent of Hamilton's carbon emissions—only electricity use makes a greater contribution to global warming—so it's important to keep thermostat levels as low as possible. Instead of cracking that window, move your study session outside and breathe the fresh air there.

Read the news:

Elections are just around the corner, and with them come the opportunity to support the people you believe will protect the environment. It's time to start researching the candidates' intentions and track records where environmental policy is concerned. All the little things you can do to reduce your own ecological footprint are helpful, but they'll be more so if backed up by legislation that pushes for green energy sources, reasonable resource-harvesting practices, and safe waste disposal policies. Inform yourself and make your vote make a difference.

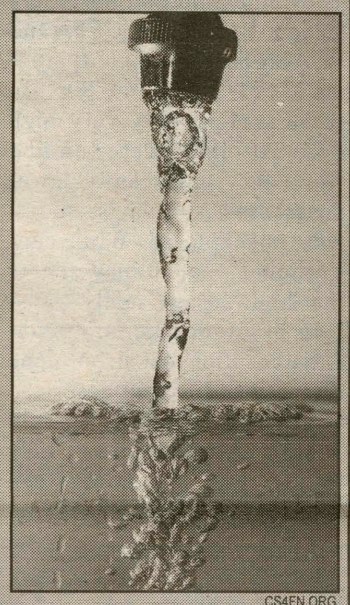
Lose the car:

The bitter cold no longer serves as an excuse to drive to class in the morning, so stretch your legs! Sky-high prices aren't the only cost of gasoline; burning fuel produces noxious fumes that are dangerous to breathe and carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. Walking or riding a bicycle gives you a chance to enjoy the balmy weather and paves the way for many more glorious springs to come!

Did You Know That?
Wacky Facts: Water

by Kate Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

- *Roughly 70 percent of an adult's body is made up of water.*
- *At birth, water accounts for approximately 80 percent of an infant's body weight.*
- *For children under age five, water-related diseases are the leading cause of death.*
- *A healthy person can drink about three gallons (48 cups) of water per day.*
- *Soft drinks, coffee, and tea, while made up almost entirely of water, also contain caffeine.*
- *Caffeine can act as a mild diuretic, preventing water from traveling to necessary locations in the body.*
- *Much more fresh water is stored under the ground in aquifers than on the earth's surface.*
- *The total amount of water on the earth is about 326 million cubic miles of water.*
- *The United States uses about 346,000 million gallons of fresh water every day.*
- *The average American individual uses 100 to 176 gallons of water at home each day.*
- *The average African family uses about five gallons of water each day.*
- *The United States uses nearly 80 percent of its water for irrigation and thermoelectric power.*
- *Over one billion people (one in every five) in the world do not have access to safe drinking water.*
- *By the time a person feels thirsty, his or her body has lost over one percent of its total water amount.*



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- *Water is not just a problem for developing nations: North America's largest aquifer, the Ogallala, is being depleted at a rate of 12 billion cubic metres (bcm) a year.*
- *Total depletion of the Ogallala to date amounts to some 325 bcm, a volume equal to the annual flow of 18 Colorado Rivers.*
- *Every dollar spent on water and sanitation creates on average another eight dollars in costs averted and productivity gained.*
- *Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease.*

Science is built up of facts, as a house is built of stones; but an accumulation of facts is no more a science than a heap of stones is a house.

~Henri Poincaré

PROFESSOR PROFILE
Barbara Tewksbury, Geosciences

THE FACTS:

Name: Barbara Tewksbury
Department: Geoscience
PhD From: University of Colorado
Research Includes: Investigation of deformation in Proterozoic metamorphic rocks of the Grenville Province in northern New York State, structures in volcanic rocks under glaciers in Iceland.

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INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Barbara Tewksbury: Perfectionist, handy, creative.

EL: What areas of geoscience especially interest you and why?

BT: You know those spectacular road cuts through tilted and contorted rock that you see along the Mass Pike and Route 81 in Pennsylvania? That's the kind of stuff I study. Trying to figure out what the deformation tells us about how the Earth works.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach geoscience for a living?

BT: I actually decided in high school that I wanted to be a geologist. I loved science, and I did a lot of backpacking and climbing. When I discovered geology, I realized that I could do science outdoors. I figured, "what could be better?"

EL: Why Hamilton?

BT: Partly because I wanted to teach at a school where good teaching matters and partly because, in a small department, I get to teach a wide variety of things. Keeps my curiosity and love of learning satisfied.

EL: What is your funniest/most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

BT: Whenever we went backpacking when I was a kid, my mom always made us wear dresses and nice shoes in the car just in case we might want to stop to eat at a restaurant on the way. Even back then, it must have been pretty bizarre to see a well-dressed family pile out of the car at the trailhead, change into hiking clothes and boots, and head off up the trail.

EL: What is your favorite band/singer, your favorite ice cream flavor, your favorite book, and your favorite home-cooked meal?

BT: Great Big Sea, anything nutty from Ben & Jerry's, homemade mac and cheese (not yellow mac in a box!) – it's the ult in comfort food.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

BT: Getting students to think and analyze for themselves is really important to me.

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

BT: Err... I think I was pretty dull as a college student. Getting up at four a.m. to walk into town with friends to get fresh hot donuts at the back door of the local bakery was about as nutty as I ever got.

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

BT: Mmm... is there a campus out there beyond the Science Center? Seriously, I spend most of my time in the Science Center.

EL: What are your current research interests, and how are students working with you on them?

BT: Right now, I'm working on structures that form in volcanic rocks that are erupted underneath glaciers in Iceland. Will Hoffman '07 helped me do the initial field work and analysis, Cody Westphal '08 is continuing analysis on the samples that Will and I collected, and Jane Barnes '09 will be going to Iceland with me this summer to do some more systematic sampling and data collection.

EL: What is your fondest memory from your time at Hamilton?

BT: Field trips with geo students:Hawaii, Iceland, Colorado, West Texas, all over New York and New England.

EL: What are some of your interests outside Hamilton?

BT: I play the bagpipes with the Mohawk Valley Frasers Pipe Band, and I make custom-made kilts. I'm actually one of the better-known kiltmakers in North America…

How to avoid the threat of BPA poisoning by Nalgene

*from **Is your**, page 21*

in stark contrast to the positions held by the FDA and the plastics industry.

If you are concerned about the impact of BPA on your health, then there are a few simple steps you can take to reduce your exposure to BPA. Perhaps the best way is to avoid plastic water bottles labeled with a number 7 recycling symbol because many of these products contain BPA. Instead, choose plastic bottles with a number 1, 2, 4, or 5 (Nalgene makes bottles of these types) recycling symbol or stainless steel containers (such as Klean Kanteens) with a number 5 plastic top. Beware of "non-leeching" bottles or containers made from metals other than stainless steel because these may contain BPA.

If you do not want to get rid of your number 7 Nalgene bottle, then do not fill it with soda, ethanol, corn oil, or acidic juices (especially tomato) because these liquids increase the amount of BPA leakage. Do not continue using your Nalgene bottle for more than a year and immediately discard it if it shows any sign of discoloration or cracking. When washing your bottle, do not use harsh detergents or high temperatures (i.e the dishwasher). Nalgene recommends using warm, soapy water. If you must use a dishwasher, put your bottle in the top rack so it is away from the heating element. Also, do not leave any liquid in your bottle for an extended period of time because more BPA will be able to leak into it. Lastly, try to avoid canned foods and beverages, especially if they are tomato-based or soda.

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How dangerous are the bottles that most of us use every day?

BPA was first synthesized in 1905. Fifty years later, it was discovered that BPA could be used to manufacture a new plastic material known as polycarbonate. Polycarbonate plastic quickly gained popularity because of its many useful properties, especially its strength, durability, optical clarity, shatter resistance, and high heat resistance. Although polycarbonate plastic can be found in a variety of products ranging from CDs to automobile parts, canned foods and beverages as well as water and baby bottles represent the primary sources of everyday BPA exposure. According to a biomonitoring study conducted by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), 95 percent of Americans tested had BPA in their urine.

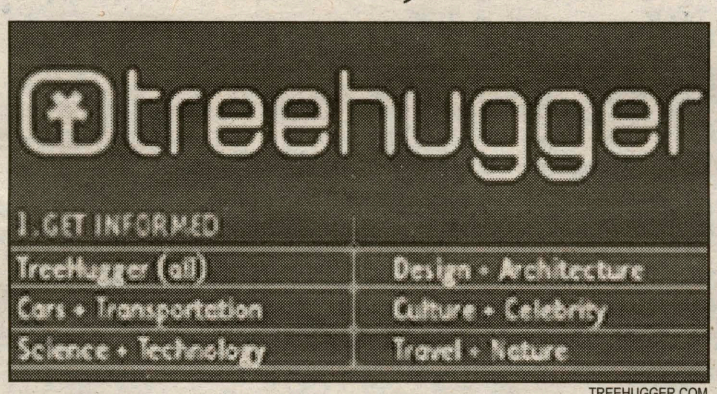
TreeHugger.com: Go green and buy some shoes, too

*from **What's on**, page 19*

Eigg off the coast of Scotland, which is the world's first fully self sufficient island. It is also under this category that you can find articles on green cruises to Alcatraz and new environmentally friendly camping gear.

Under the Food + Health section you can find articles that make you drool. One example is the featured recipe of the week, the lemon pepper pasta with capers. Another is the article on Ike and Sam's "all-natural hand-popped gourmet kettlecorn." Then there are the articles that make you want to vomit, like the article on soil bacteria thriving on antibiotics. Then there is the Business + Politics section of the site. If you are looking for articles about things like green coffeehouses or Bloomberg's recent actions to combat traffic congestion and pollution, look no further.

And of course there is the Fashion + Beauty section. Before you say anything about not wanting to hear about more ridiculously expensive "green" clothes, give this section a chance. Not only does it have articles featuring the expensive "green" clothes, and shoes, there are also articles about things like an expensive umbrella that can predict weather and Japanese "diet glasses" that suppress appetite. Even if you wouldn't want to own any of the items featured in this section, it is interesting to read about them.



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The homepage of TreeHugger.com encourages all environmentalists to get informed, interact with others, and take action for the sake of the planet.

Now that you are informed, you can interact with other informed people through the forums, by leaving comments on the articles, or through Hugg, the green equivalent of Digg. Then, you and the informed people you have been interacting with can take action by following one of TreeHugger.com's guides on how to go green with things like your wardrobe, your meals, and even your wedding. Or you can browse the job board and green gift guide.

It seems as though TreeHugger.com has everything you need to be green in an easy to find format. Following the links to sections of the site may be easy enough, but the homepage is so full of ads and text it can seem intimidating at first. Try to look past that to get to the interesting articles on a number of environment-related categories.

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APR. 16:
Democracy Matters Presents:
"Who Killed the Electric Car?"
A Documentary by Chris Paine
8:00 p.m. KJ Red Pit

MONDAY, APR. 21:
Dr. Jeffrey Corbin, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Union College
"A Mechanistic Approach to Habitat Restoration: Pathways to Success in California Grasslands"
4:00 p.m. SCCT 3024
Refreshments will be served

MONDAY, APR. 21:
Helen Epstein, Public Health Consultant and Writer
"The Invisible Cure, the West and the fight against AIDS"
7:30 p.m. SCCT G027
Refreshments will be served

SUNDAY, APR. 27:
Tenth Annual AIDS Hike For Life 5K Fundraising Walk and 5K Fundraising Run
www. AIDSwalkCNY.com
11:30 a.m. Beinecke Student Activities Village
Information available in Beinecke

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Men's lacrosse upsets nationally ranked Geneseo

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

The 2008 season has been a roller coaster for the Hamilton Men's Lacrosse Team. Though they opened with a win and proceeded to upset a nationally ranked team, the Continentals have failed to get a decisive Liberty League win. Despite struggling in the past few games, the team hopes to recover and turn the season around with the help of both experienced veterans and talented newcomers.

The team began their season at home on March 12 with a game against Utica College. Freezing temperatures and snow flurries couldn't stop Hamilton's relentless play, and they won the contest 11-4.

In the first week of spring break, the team escaped the snow and spent a week playing in sunny Florida. Hamilton's first game was against Williams on March 18 in Sanford. The Continentals led 4-3 at the half, but they remained scoreless for the entire second half. Christian Kunhardt '10 recorded 12 saves, but it was not enough to stop the Ephs from winning 5-11.

The team took on Amherst two days later in Clermont. Stephen Lefebvre '11 and Kevin Behr '11 each made two goals, and despite trailing at the half, the Continentals roared back to get within one point of the Lord Jeffs with four minutes to go in regulation. They were unable to make a full comeback, however, and dropped their second game of break 7-10. John-Henry Forster '08, Justin Williams '10 and Andy Simon '09 had one goal each, while Austin Deyo '09, Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09 and Franke Holiber '10 all had assists. Kunhardt had another great game in goal with 13 saves.

The Continentals did not allow their earlier losses to discourage them, and finished their trip to Florida with a win against Roger Williams on March 22. Peter Gerrity '09 had two goals and two assists, and the team scored a season-high 13 goals. Kunhardt had a standout performance with 21 saves. The offense had a balanced attack with seven players scoring at least once.

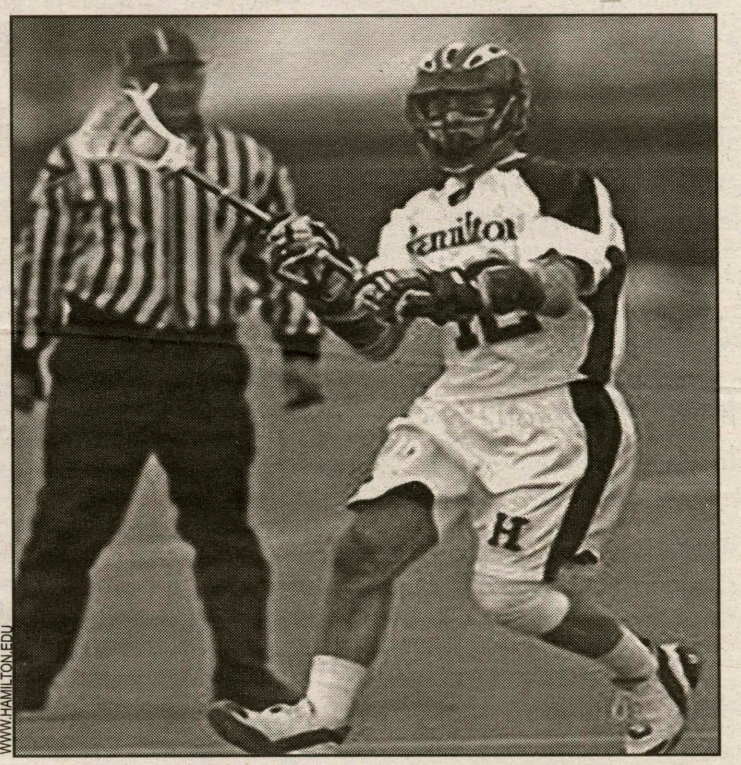
After that 13-9 win, the Continentals were on a roll. The team returned home for a game against No. 10 ranked SUNY Geneseo. The teams appeared evenly matched, with neither achieving much of an advantage in shots or ground balls. Karl Gruss '08, Alex Duncan '10 and Blake Hollinger '09 finished with three ground balls each. Holiber had a fantastic game, scoring four goals, including the game-winning goal that broke a 7-7 tie with 1:46 left in the fourth quarter. Hamilton has not played Geneseo since 1975, and beat them for the first time in seven tries.

On March 29 the team went on the road once again, traveling to Saratoga Springs for their first Liberty League match-up against Skidmore. Mark Albu '08 had two goals, both of which were assisted by Deyo. Deyo leads the team so far this season with eight assists. Williams and Lefebvre had one goal each. Williams and Albu each have eight goals on the season and are tied for the team lead. Even with these strong performances, the Thoroughbreds won 9-4.

The Continentals bounced back the next week with a 5-3 win at SUNY Oneonta. The team owed much to Kunhardt's stellar play: he saved 15 of 18 shots and did not allow a single shot in the fourth quarter. Hamilton led 3-0 after the first quarter and never again trailed.

This success was short-lived, as No. 15 ranked St. Lawrence came to the Hill on April 5. The Continentals were unable to overcome the Saints' offensive onslaught. The Saints took 31 shots to the Continentals' 20, and maintained a 39-18 ground ball advantage. St. Lawrence also won 14 of 18 face-offs and converted two of their four extra-man opportunities. Hamilton lost 4-10. Wednesday the team dropped to 0-3 in the Liberty League with a loss on the road to Clarkson College. Another nationally ranked team, the No. 20 Golden Knights, held the Continentals scoreless for 42 minutes of the match as they went on a ten-goal run. Kunhardt made four saves and spent most of the game in goal.

The team will be home for the next four games, beginning with a non-league game against Swarthmore tomorrow at noon. They will have three more Liberty League match-ups to try to improve their record. Be sure to come out to the turf field in the coming weeks to cheer on your Continentals!



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Mark Albu '08 leads the team with 11 goals this season.

Hamilton By the Numbers

Women's Lacrosse:
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Men's Lacrosse:
4-5

Softball:
8-9

Men's Baseball:
6-9

Women's Tennis:
2-4

Men's Tennis:
2-4

Intramural Sports Update

by Hathaway Burden '10
Sports Contributor

The Intramural Sports Committee held two captains' meetings on Monday, officially signaling the start of the spring intramurals season. Attendance at the captains' meetings showed that campus participation in intramurals is at an all time high with a total of more than 40 teams between the spring sports of soccer, basketball and softball.

While the exception of a few minor rule changes, which can be found on the intramural sports' website, the sports will be played by the same guidelines as in previous seasons. An official schedule for spring intramurals will be posted online within the next few days. Games will continue throughout the spring until playoffs' week beginning May 1.

In addition to the three main sports, there are a number of other sporting events on the calendar for this spring. A swim meet will be held tomorrow. A nine mile bike race will take place on April 19 and a 5K cross country race will be held on April 26.

There are a number of different ways to get details on Hamilton's intramurals. The intramurals' website has the details of all scheduled events as well as the rules, pictures and past champions. In addition, a hotline will be opened in the coming weeks so that members of the Hamilton Community can receive up-to-date event details.

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Intramural spring season begins with more competition than ever before.

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Win against Amherst propels winning streak

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Men's Baseball Team ended their losing streak to Amherst with a huge 6-3 win on the road last Sunday. A four run outburst in the sixth inning broke the game open and Hamilton did not relent their lead. Max Foster '10 came up with one of the best performances of his collegiate career spreading eight hits across seven innings of one run ball. Dan Hood '08 came through in relief and got his first save of the year.

Even more impressive was the fact that they beat one of Amherst's best pitchers and forced them to go to their bullpen early on in the game. Tom Monfiletto '08 and Joe Buicko '11 combined for four runs batted in, which resulted in the win. The team had to overcome a deficit to collect their first win against Amherst since 2004.

On Thursday the team hosted SUNYIT looking to capitalize on the confidence gained from the victory over Amherst. Hamilton did not disappoint and won easily by six runs, 12-6. It was a great team effort as five different starters combined for all of the teams runs batted in. Gideon Clark '09 played the role of the quintessential leadoff man collecting two hits, one run, one RBI, and his fourth stolen base of the season. Six pitchers came in to get key outs and the bullpen allowed only one earned run in five innings of work.

Spring break was kind to the Continentals who came away with four victories to open up the season. During the break, Hamilton took part in a number of non-conference games in Florida in six days. This trip helped unite the team in ways on and off the field and the team gained much needed confidence for the grueling part of their conference schedule.

On March 18, the Continentals took on Fitchburg State to begin their road trip. Hamilton's team effort came together to produce a 9-6 opening day win. Shortstop Alex Augustyn '10 came through with a big two run homer in the top of the first inning to give the team a four run cushion for the game. Hood scored three times and drove in two runs in the cleanup spot.

The next day, Hamilton came up with another split off a double header against Gordon College. In the afternoon game, Brendan Rafalski '11 threw a complete game leading the Continentals to a 16-4 victory. Michael Matt '11 got on base three straight times, lead the team with three runs batted in, and scored on two of his trips on bases.

This weekend will be make or break time for the Continentals because they go up for three games against a mediocre conference opponent in Wesleyan. Three victories would allow the team to take over third place in the west division and a few games behind clinching a spot in the conference tournament. So come out and support the Continentals as they look to make a charge in the NESCAC.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX AUGUSTYN '10

Alex Augustyn '10 has been on a tear at the plate with 3 HRs.

Golf team strong in opener

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

After an impressive fall season that saw the Men's Golf Team finish as one of the top four teams in the NESCAC, the Continentals were back on the course over spring break to begin their spring campaign.

On March 22, the team traveled to Florida for the Indian Hills Collegiate Classic at Indian Hills Golf Club. It was a three-team meet in which Hamilton competed against Williams and Wesleyan. Facing some of the better competition in the NESCAC, Hamilton put up a good fight, finishing in second place, three strokes behind Williams, and twenty in front of Wesleyan.

Jeff Corbett '09 carded a three-under 69 to finish as the medalist for the tournament, breaking his career best by four strokes. Brad Roche '11 continued his hot play from the fall, shooting an even-par 72, while Dan Treichler '08 and Dave Christie '09 fired 76 and 77, respectively. Freshman William Kresock also shot 77, and Mike Hayes '08 scored 79. After this successful meet, Hamilton had a few weeks to rest up and practice for their next tournament, the Hamilton Spring Invitational.

Played at Skenendoa Golf Club on April 8, the Hamilton Spring Invitational brought together eleven teams from the Northeast. Hamilton delivered one of its best performances of the year, finishing in first place, two strokes ahead of St. Lawrence. Corbett again led the way, earning a tie for first place with a 75, although he lost the one-hole playoff to determine the single medalist.

Hayes also contributed a strong outing, finishing tied for second with a 76. Roche carded a 78, Phil Preiss '10 fired a 79, and Kresock again contributed with an 80. Hamilton rounded out its team score of 309 with an 80 by Treichler, an 82 by Riley Jorgensen '11, and an 84 by Christie.

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Mike Hayes '08 delivers clutch performances.

With two tournaments already played in the short spring season, the Continentals have reason to be confident about their future. The team travels to Skidmore and Delhi College in the next few weeks, in preparation for the NESCAC Championships hosted by Trinity on April 26 and 27. If the Continentals are victorious at that tournament, they then qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships that will take place between May 13 to May 16, which are hosted by Emory University.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 4/11:

Baseball v. Wesleyan
Softball v. Williams
Lacrosse (W) v. Skidmore

Saturday 4/12:

Baseball v. Wesleyan
Softball v. Williams
Lacrosse (W) v. Union
Lacrosse (M) v. Swarthmore
Tennis (M) v. Trinity
Tennis (W) v. Trinity
Outdoor Track and Field (M) @ Liberty League Championships
Outdoor Track and Field (W) @ Liberty League Championships
Crew (W) @ Ithaca
Crew (M) @ Ithaca

Go Blue!